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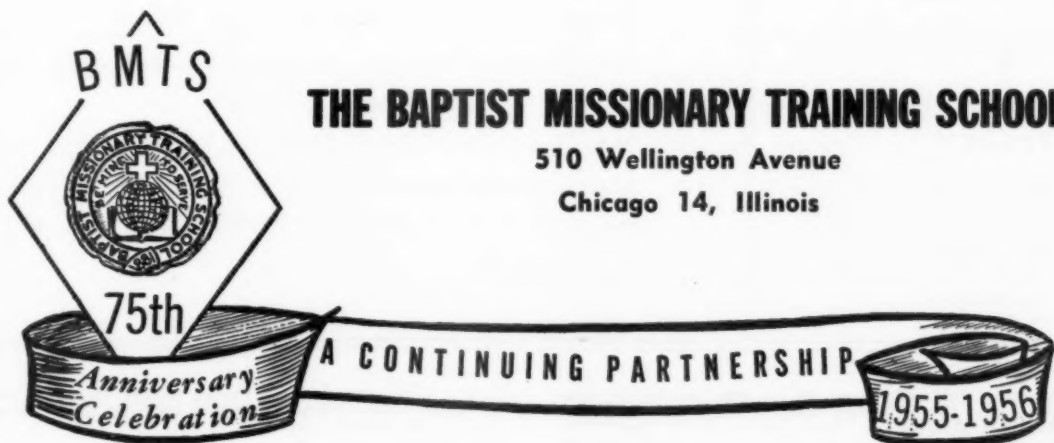
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## A Year of Growth?

By CHARLES A. WELLS

A SUMMARY of the advances made by the churches of America during the past year acclaims it as the greatest period of religious growth in our history. In terms of numerical gains, new members, baptisms, money raised, and funds spent on new buildings, it was indeed the greatest year. So it would stand, except that other records were broken last year also which cloud the sky. Increases in divorce, juvenile delinquency, crime, and alcoholism cast a heavy shadow over the achievements of the church. Can the growth of the church be really measured by its gains in numbers and property, without also taking into account the measure of its influence upon the life around it? The church seems to have had a great year in 1954 in terms of what it gathered unto itself, but a rather discouraging year in terms of its influence upon trends in society. Perhaps now that the impressive growth within the church has been accomplished, we shall see its influence increase over the life of our nation during this year and the following years. Even police and law-enforcement agencies, alarmed over our moral trends, are asking for an increase of religious influence in the life of America.

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## JUNE QUIZ COLUMN

*Note: Questions are taken from all pages and occasionally from advertisements.*

1. What might have had something to do with the temporary Communist gains in Travancore-Cochin?
2. Who are doing a noteworthy piece of work among the Apaches and the Lavapais?
3. Who said, "I go that I may share the love of Christ"?
4. Who has a much better idea about the work of our denomination?
5. What do we no longer face?
6. Why did Ruben Marc apologize?
7. This year, how many missionaries were dedicated?
8. Who is Dorothy O. Bucklin?
9. What will present new challenge?

*Note that this contest begins with the June issue, 1955, is completed with the issue of May, 1956, and is open only to subscribers.*

10. Who is C. Stanton Gallup?
11. Who never thank the donors?
12. Who asked to outlaw the Baptist churches?
13. Who were the first Hopi converts?
14. Who was a Sunday school teacher for seventy-six years?
15. Where is Sara Zau Yaw going?
16. What is west of Chiangmai?
17. What did Shields T. Hardin hand to Frank A. Sharp?
18. Who are asking for an increase of religious influence?

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FOR correct answers to every question (180 questions) in all issues, June to May inclusive, a prize of a worthwhile missionary book or a year's subscription to MISSIONS will be awarded.

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# Newsbriefs

## Missouri Baptists Have Missionary Rally

C. Oscar Johnson, pastor of the Third Baptist Church, St. Louis, Mo., was elected chairman of the Missouri Baptist Fellowship Council at its recent meeting at the First Baptist Church, Columbia. About one hundred delegates attended this third annual missionary and fellowship rally. The fourteen churches in Missouri that cooperate with the American Baptist Convention contributed a total of \$76,908.50 for the period from May 1, 1954, to February 28, 1955, according to a report that was given at the meeting. Of this amount, \$31,797.55 was for Churches for New Frontiers.

## Scriptures Now In 1,084 Languages

Some part of the Bible has been published in 1,084 languages and dialects, as of December 31, 1954, according to a statement issued by the American Bible Society. The whole Bible has been published in 206 languages.

## American Baptist Visitors See 275 Haitians Baptized

Six missionaries and pastors in Haiti baptized 275 converts in the rural town of Hinche, on Sunday, April 17. Twenty-four visitors from the United States were present at this impressive service. Robert Weaver, pastor of the Mattapan Baptist Church, Milton, Mass., preached to a congregation of 1,600 worshipers. About 2,000 persons witnessed the baptism at the riverside. Shortly before the visit of the group, it was reported that the sister of the Roman Catholic bishop of Haiti had been converted and asked for membership in the First Baptist Church, Port-au-Prince. Her brother, the Roman Catholic bishop, is said to have asked the president of Haiti to outlaw the Baptist churches. The president, a Roman Catholic, after reminding the bishop that he had read in the Bible, "By their fruits ye shall know them," declared that he liked the fruits of the Baptist churches and would not close them. The twenty-four American Baptists from Massachusetts, New York, and California were in Puerto Rico, Haiti, and Cuba from April 12 to April 23. They were under the direction of Sargis Matson, of Massachusetts; J. Russell Raker, Jr., of

New York; and R. Dean Goodwin, secretary of literature and publicity of the Council on Missionary Cooperation. They were all enthusiastic in reports of the missionary work they had seen. On the mission fields, their itineraries were planned by the general missionaries—Aaron F. Webber, in Puerto Rico; C. Stanford Kelly, in Haiti; and Oscar Rodriguez, in Cuba.

## Foreign Mission Society Honors Jesse R. Wilson

At a recent meeting, the board of managers of the American Baptist Foreign Mission Society adopted a resolution in recognition of the service of Jesse R. Wilson, home secretary for more than fourteen years, who became a secretary of the International Missionary Council as of March 1. Among other things, the resolution noted that Dr. Wilson had kept before the churches the cause of foreign missions and had stimulated both interest and giving; that he had represented the Foreign Society with distinction on several boards and committees of the American Baptist Convention; that in board sessions he had been forthright and aggressive, representing a strong forward movement in the society's work; and that he had constantly lifted the horizons of American Baptists to the global and ecumenical scope of their world mission. Said the resolution, which was signed by Kenneth Scott Latourette, Edward Hughes Pruden, and George M. Derbyshire: "While we deeply regret that the inexorable march of the calendar would soon bring about his formal retirement, we are profoundly grateful for

all that God has accomplished through him across the years and are happy that he can so fittingly continue his work for the world mission through the International Missionary Council."

## Baptist World Alliance Paper Is Free upon Request

*The Baptist World*, a tiny paper with a big name, is free upon request. It is published ten months a year—October through July. A postal card addressed to: The Baptist World, 1628 Sixteenth St., N.W., Washington 9, D. C., will bring this paper to you regularly. It contains up-to-date information on news about Baptists around the world.

## Melrose Baptist Church Holds Missionary Conference

The fifth annual missionary conference was held recently at the Melrose Baptist Church, Oakland, Calif. Among the speakers were Astrid Peterson, of The American Baptist Home Mission Society, working with the Chinese of San Francisco; Bob Murphy, pastor in Hayward; and Vincent Young, American Baptist Missionary, who labored many years in Burma. More than three thousand dollars was raised to assist two of the church's young people who have dedicated their lives to full-time Christian service.

## Church Membership Passes 200,000-Mark

Membership in the Baptist churches of Burma has now passed the 200,000-mark and continues to grow. In spite



Shields T. Hardin (left), of North Orange Baptist Church, Orange, N. J. hands to Business Manager Frank A. Sharp, of MISSIONS, a list of 220 church families and a check for \$220 to pay for a year's subscription for each family. Dr. Hardin is taking advantage of our special offer to churches that subscribe for each active family—\$1 each, for one year only

of some difficulties in obtaining visas for work in India, more American Baptist missionaries have been accepted for India than have been refused. Plans for improving the work of two Philippine hospitals and a re-organized nurses' training school will call for special appropriations of nearly \$300,000 during the next two years.

### **Missionary Bollinger To Go to Okinawa**

At the recent board meetings of the Foreign Societies, an urgent appeal for a missionary family to be stationed in Okinawa was favorably considered. Rev. and Mrs. E. E. Bollinger will be transferred from Japan to Okinawa. Mr. Bollinger recently conducted evangelistic services in Okinawa, where Baptist work is growing rapidly. Three Baptist church buildings on the island were completely destroyed during the war. Funds are being sought to rebuild these and to erect houses of worship for new congregations. American military personnel, under the leadership of interested chaplains, have raised more than two thousand dollars to assist in this work.

### **Veteran Missionary Returns To Visit Former Field**

Missionary George A. Riggs, who retired in 1943 after thirty-three years in Puerto Rico, still serves as a missionary. In February, twelve years after his retirement, he returned to the island for a nine-weeks' visit. The trip was made possible by the Baptist churches of Rio Piedras, Carolina,

Cayey, and Gurabo as a token of Christian love and gratitude. He quickly became reacclimated and was "at home" sleeping under a mosquito net, speaking Spanish, and eating pasteles. He arrived on the island a week before the Puerto Rico Baptist Convention met, and instead of basking leisurely in the tropical sunshine, he immediately plunged into a busy schedule of visits and appointments. As a result of his brief ministry, many were won to Christ. Mr. Riggs' words of counsel brought spiritual renewal to his fellow ministers.

### **B.M.T.S. Gives \$1,000 For New Frontier Churches**

A goal of \$1,000 for Churches for New Frontiers, pledged in October, 1953, by the student body of the Baptist Missionary Training School, Chicago, Ill. was achieved recently in full. The amount was raised through weekly chapel offerings with unanimous participation by the students.

### **W. Richard West's Painting Reproduced in Magazine**

The *National Geographic Magazine* reproduced in color, in the March, 1955, issue, a painting by Professor W. Richard West, head of the art department of Bacone College, Muskogee, Okla. The painting appears as a part of a series entitled, "America's First Painters."

### **B.M.T.S. Observes Seventy-fifth Year**

The Baptist Missionary Training School, Chicago, Ill., recently ob-

served Founders' Day. "The Mission Is Here" was chosen as the theme, in keeping with the celebration of the school's seventy-fifth anniversary year. John C. Slemph, editor of *MISSIONS*, was the featured speaker. B.M.T.S. was established in 1880 for the purpose of training women missionaries and other Christian workers. Werner G. Keucher is the school's president.

### **Barbara Atkeson Becomes Field Representative**

Ronald V. Wells, executive secretary of the division of secondary higher education of the Board of Education and Publication, announces the appointment of Barbara Atkeson as field representative of the Baptist Student Movement. Formerly she served as student secretary for the Illinois Baptist State Convention and director of the Baptist Student Foundation of Bloomington-Normal, Ill. Miss Atkeson was graduated *magna cum laude* at Carroll College, Waukesha, Wis., and has her master's degree in English literature from the University of Wisconsin, where she was active in the Student Christian Association.

### **Dorothy O. Bucklin Writes Book on Indian Migration**

Indian Americans are moving to the city. Baptists are among them. "Operation Relocation" began in 1952, with special efforts made to help find jobs and housing and to get the children into school. Marjorie Armstrong, Christian friendliness chairman for the Baptist women of the Washington, D.C., Association, and her husband, former Congressman O. K. Armstrong, have an article in the January *Reader's Digest* on this movement of Indians into the city. Says Bernice Cofer, Christian friendliness secretary of the Woman's American Baptist Home Mission Society, "Conservation of our home-mission investment in the lives of Indian Baptists is now dependent upon the neighborliness of our churches." Further information about the Indian migration is in *Strong Hearts for God—Baptist Indian Americans*, by Dorothy O. Bucklin. It is now available in the Baptist book stores. Miss Bucklin is secretary of missions of the W.A.B.H.M.S.

### **Alexander Miller Headlines Social Progress Workshop**

Alexander Miller, lecturer in religion at Stanford University, California, will be the featured leader at the workshop of the Council on Christian Social Progress, at Green Lake, Wis., August 20-27. He will bring the evening messages on the "Biblical and



This family, together with the father, was forced to leave its home in East Prussia. Now free, the children can laugh and play again. Even the doll seems to be happy! To assist in reestablishment of these refugees, and others like them, in the United States, write at once to the Baptist Refugee Resettlement Office, 164 Fifth Avenue, New York 10, N. Y.



Theological Implications of the Christian and His Daily Work." Dr. Miller is completing requirements for a doctor's degree in religion at Columbia University, New York city. He is the author of several books, the latest being *The Renewal of Man*. Among the other leaders is Cameron P. Hall, executive director of the department of



Alexander Miller

church and economic life of the National Council of Churches of Christ in the U. S. A. He will conduct sessions in the field of program and resources for study and action in the church. For additional information write to: Registrar, American Baptist Assembly, Green Lake, Wis.

#### George Togasaki Is In the United States

George Togasaki, chairman of the International Christian University board of trustees and publisher of the *Nippon Times* (Japan), is in the United States as a member of a team of distinguished leaders from Asia who are touring fifteen cities under the sponsorship of Town Hall, Inc. Dr. Togasaki revealed, at a recent meeting of church editors, that I.C.U. has a 100 per cent Christian faculty. Relatively few educational institutions in missionary areas have reached this standard. The faculty includes educators from Japan, Canada, Switzerland, China, and the United States.

#### Kanto Gakuin University Graduates First Students

Masahiro Kano, Hajina Yanaji, and Fumiko Takahashi, students at Kanto Gakuin University Institute of Christian Studies, Yokohama, Japan, were recently graduated. They are the first to complete the five-year

course of study. Simple greetings were brought to the graduates by U. Kawaguchi, head of the institute, and Jin Sugaya, secretary of Baptist work in Japan. Mr. Kano will go to America for further study, Miss Takahashi accepted the pastorate of a recently rebuilt Baptist church in Taira, and Mr. Yamaji will do evangelistic work in Okinawa, working with Edward E. Bollinger. Raymond P. Jennings and Margaret Calder, American Baptist missionaries, are instructors at Kanto Gakuin.

#### Nepal Opens Doors To Missionaries

For the first time in nearly two hundred years, the Kingdom of Nepal opened its doors recently to Christian missionaries. An international team of medical missionaries have already established a small hospital in the picturesque Himalayan country. Not since 1771, when Nepal expelled a band of Capuchin monks, had this remote mountain kingdom permitted Christian missionary enterprises within its borders. Most Nepalese practice the rites of an ancient branch of Hinduism. Buddhism also is widely practiced. The newly organized Christian work was established under the auspices of the National Christian Council of India.

#### Leonard Gittings Goes to Berkeley

Berkeley Baptist Divinity School, Berkeley, Calif., announces the appointment of Leonard Gittings as professor of Christian missions. Dr. Gittings, formerly professor of missions at Northern Baptist Theological Seminary, Chicago, Ill., goes to Berkeley from a rich background of pastoral, missionary, and teaching experience. He is known as the "warm-hearted apostle of missions service," and has become known in the American Baptist Convention as an outstanding teacher, a popular lecturer, and conference leader. His academic training includes work in England and Belgium, Northern Baptist Theological Seminary, University of Chicago, and Loyola University, from which he received his Ph.D.

#### Training Program Is a Success

C. Arlin Heydon, Sr., central area director of evangelism for The American Baptist Home Mission Society, gave clinical training to twelve pastors in Burlington and Marshalltown, Iowa, in connection with home visitation crusades. A group of pastors in Lake City, Iowa, received similar training. Plans are in progress for a

clinical training program for Kansas pastors, to be held in the fall of 1955, under the leadership of Ross Wood, state director of evangelism for Kansas.

#### Three Baptist Pastors To Preach in Britain

Robbins W. Barstow, executive director of the National Council of Churches' department of ecumenical relations, announces that twenty preachers will participate in the 1955 preacher-exchange program, eleven from the United States and nine from Britain. In Britain, American ministers will preach in England, Scotland, Wales, and Ireland. Dr. Barstow hailed the preacher exchange as "a significant contribution to better understanding between nations as well as between churches." The Baptists appointed are: J. H. Jackson, Mt. Olivet Baptist Church, Chicago, Ill.; Charles C. Knapp, First Baptist Church, Evanston, Ill.; and Wilbour E. Saunders, president, Colgate Rochester Divinity School, Rochester, N. Y.

#### Jitsuo Morikawa Receives Appointment from Governor

Governor William Stratton, of Illinois, recently appointed Jitsuo Morikawa, pastor of the First Baptist Church, Chicago, Ill., to the Commission on Human Relations for the state of Illinois.

#### Churches Report On Baptisms

Walter E. Woodbury, a secretary of the department of evangelism of The American Baptist Home Mission Society, reports that during 1954 there were 58,989 baptisms in 6,495 American Baptist churches. He continues: "This is a good record compared to other recent years."

#### Robert G. Torbet Writes History of Foreign Societies

*A Venture of Faith*, an official history of the two Foreign Mission Societies, written by Robert G. Torbet, is now ready for distribution at all Baptist book stores. This volume was in the process of preparation for several years. It should prove to be a valuable reference for use of all who are interested in the outreach of the kingdom as represented by the missionary record of Baptists. The price is \$7.50.

#### Community Baptist Church Observes 50th Anniversary

Dwight S. Dodson, executive secretary for Montana, Idaho, and Utah, was one of the speakers at the recent observance of the fiftieth anniversary



of the Community Baptist Church, Moab, Utah. The church and Sunday school are growing and it is necessary to erect a new building. The pastor, O. H. Ratschkowsky, asks that the church be remembered in prayer.

### Calvary Baptist Church Wants Informed Membership

Because the leaders of Calvary Baptist Church, Washington, D. C., want an informed membership, an item of almost \$1,000 was put in the budget so that members might receive the April issues of Baptist periodicals, which included almost 1,500 copies of *MISSIONS*. The following is from the church bulletin "The Calvary Caller": "Obviously this is a plan to stimulate interest in our denominational periodicals in order that more of you will subscribe to these fine magazines. The leadership of your church has shown great faith in you by investing almost \$1,000 in this project. Won't you justify their faith by subscribing to at least one of these magazines?"

### Work Progresses At Great Sacrifice

"Our teachers give of themselves so generously and show such a spirit of total consecration that we in turn are inspired." So writes Emily L. Keyes, our missionary at Vanga, Belgian Congo. She continues: "Our Christians, even though the salaries of many of them are around \$6 a month, are giving and shouldering the whole financial burden of our regional schools—buildings, books, and supplies. One pastor brought in \$260 to buy books, notebooks, pencils, and



Jessie Dell Crawford, former president of the Baptist Missionary Training School, receives license to preach from the First Baptist Church, East Orange, N. J., George Swope, pastor

June, 1955



## CONFIDENCE

The highest approval any institution or organization can receive is the confidence of her own people. For a college this means her alumni, faculty, students, and friends.

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Another method of expressing their confidence is to send their children and grand children to Franklin. This is illustrated by the above photograph. Mrs. Robert H. Adams, (center), the former Nancy Fisher, daughter of Dr. and Mrs. W. S. Fisher, Columbus, Indiana is shown receiving her diploma at the Franklin College Commencement June 13, 1954 from her grandfather, Col. Walter H. Unversaw, Kokomo, (left), a member of the class of 1896. Dr. Harold W. Richardson, President, is shown at the microphone.

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slates. Two outstations have permanent school buildings in brick, and many outstations are building brick or cement churches. Leverville and Modiambo posts have finished their churches, and ten other brick, cement, or stone churches are under way, many ready for the metal roofing. They are growing in their sense of responsibility as they take these tasks on themselves.

### National Missions Conference To Be Held at Green Lake

The twelfth national missions conference, under the sponsorship of our four Mission Societies, will be held at Green Lake, Wis., August 6-13. Among the leaders are Frank C. Laubach, William A. Axling, W. David Owl, Dorothy O. Bucklin, George W. Carpenter, Robert Middleton, T. B. McDormand, and E. Russell Carter. Other participants are missionaries from five continents, national Christians from many races, and officers of the Mission Societies.

### Over 950 American Baptists Plan to Attend Congress

Of the more than 3,300 Baptists from the United States who plan to attend the Baptist World Congress in London this July, over 950 American Baptists have registered. From *The Baptist World* is the following: "As reports come in from all parts of the world, it becomes increasingly apparent that our Baptist world fellowship is alive in the hearts of our fellow believers. The number of countries that will be represented at the London Congress will be larger than at any previous occasion. . . . The 3,300 delegates from the U.S.A., and even more, the half hundred coming all the way from India, are symptoms of a mighty global Baptist consciousness behind which is the quiet and healthy growth of half a century and more."

### Central Committee, W.C.C. To Meet in Switzerland

On August 2-9, the Central Committee of the World Council of Churches will meet in Davos, Switzerland. Anna Canada Swain, American Baptist member, writes: "In addition to usual business, a great deal of time will be given to implementing recommendations made at Evanston. As always in the past, there will be at least two subjects which will help the committee to face the basic issues concerning the life of the council and its work and witness. The main theme for discussion will be 'The implications of Christian unity for inter-church aid and for assistance to under-developed countries.'"

## Letters...

### TO THE EDITOR

SIR: I greatly enjoy reading *MISSIONS*. Wonderful editorials and splendid missionary news. I was ninety-two years old on January 15.

ALFRED GOODWIN  
Santa Cruz, Calif.

SIR: It was with great interest and concern that I read Roland Wolsley's article "Our Race Problem as Seen from Overseas," in the February *MISSIONS*. I had had a similar experience the day on which I read the article, not in India, but in Japan.

I teach in a Christian school in Tokyo. It is a "specialized school" and the students are from all walks of life. They are very outspoken and do not hesitate to express their opinions. On two occasions recently these students spent the entire class hour in anti-American talk. Such questions as "When the Americans hate people, whom do they think of first—the Negro?" "Why does America allow people like McCarthy to hold office?" "Why is America so proud and totalitarian in its dealings?" were asked.

It is not pleasant to hear one's country criticized, and yet we have to be realistic. It might be well to remember this the next time there is objection to a Negro sitting next to a white person in church, or when the missionary cause is no longer considered necessary! What goes on at home echos far and wide.

EVELYN B. (MRS. W. F.) TOPPING  
Tokyo, Japan

SIR: William B. Lippard struck a true note when in the March issue of *MISSIONS* he called attention to our use of the term "foreign" when speaking of one section of our missionary program. The constant use of the word "foreign" is misleading and might well be replaced with something better. Indeed, the word "missionary" is also offensive to some. Can we not find some other name for our organized effort to evangelize the world?

WILLIAM R. PANKEY  
Richmond, Va.

SIR: Your long editorial "Return to Reactionism" grieved me greatly. Weren't you under the juniper tree when you wrote that?

I was especially concerned over your dig at Hollywood celebrities. It has been my privilege to know the entire group of about a hundred who have recently come out for Christ. I have spoken to the group, have been in the homes of many of them, and have had them in my churches. I think they are some of the most devoted Christians I have ever known. Any number of them have given up worldly habits and are literally living in their Bibles. They are on fire for Christ and souls, and even in their group meetings they urge their members to join local churches and serve their Lord through the church. Some of these people, such as Stuart Hamblen, Dale Evans Rogers, Tim and Velma Spencer, and Redd Harper, have assisted me in meetings, and many people have been won to Christ through them. I believe this movement in Hollywood is of the Lord, as is the Senate-House Breakfast Club prayer-meeting

group in Washington. I am sure many other Christian leaders, especially such men as Dr. Louis Evans, will agree with me in my viewpoint.

H. P. SCONCE

Hermiston, Oreg.

[As director of the radio program "It's Christian Celebrity Time," Dr. Sconce ought to know what he is talking about. However, he should be reminded that no names were mentioned in the editorial. Does he think the descriptions fit the persons whom he singles out?—Ed.]

SIR: The continuing high standard of excellence of *MISSIONS* amazes me. After reading an exceptionally fine issue I wonder how such a high level can be maintained and whether it can ever be surpassed. Then along comes the next issue and it is just as good as, and often better than, the one before. When Dr. Lippard laid down his editorial duties, I must confess that I had some questions about what the future of *MISSIONS* would be. But I am happy you are continuing this informative and stimulating magazine in a most vigorous and appealing manner. Your guiding hand is certainly giving us a periodical that we American Baptists are proud to call our own. Many of your editorials stir me, and "time would fail to tell" of them all. But let me express appreciation for one in the last issue, "Return to Reactionism." It says some things that need to be said. Keep up the good work.

MILTON R. SCHROEDER

Davenport, Iowa

SIR: Whoever wrote "Return to Reactionism" ought to be ashamed. Granted that it is difficult to appraise adequately just now the spiritual condition of the times, ought we not be thanking God for every small cloud indicative of the "showers of blessing" God may be sending upon a dry and thirsty world? If the reference to "a cowboy's lasso" refers to Roy Rogers and Dale Evans, I suggest the writer read *Angel Unaware* and *My Spiritual Autobiography*, by Dale Evans Rogers, and perhaps he might learn something. If the words "high-pressure-revivalism type" and the "overflow gathering in New York" refer to Billy Graham's rally there, then I say, "Shame on you." Evidently even Norman Vincent Peale comes in for criticism from the same writer when he refers to: "Fill your mind with happy, positive thoughts."

EDWARD CUTHBERT

Sayre, Pa.

[No names were mentioned in the editorial, Mr. Cuthbert. You spelled them out. Could it be that the shoe fits?—Ed.]

SIR: I have been a member of your *MISSIONS* family for many years and am grateful for such a fine publication which keeps us so well informed concerning our missionary activities.

As our national convention time again draws near, I am prompted to recall the first meeting of the Northern Baptist Convention, held in Oklahoma City, Okla., in May, 1908, with the Honorable Charles Evans Hughes (then governor of New York state) as the first president. I was privileged to attend that first convention as a messenger from the First Baptist Church, Watonga, Okla., together with Mary P. Jayne, Robert Hamilton, and Frank King, all of whom were missionaries to the

Cheyenne and Arapaho Indians. It was truly a mountain-top experience as we listened to the message of the late Bob Burdette and the audience of 1,500 singing "Onward Christian Soldiers." May our great convention continue to inspire the work of our churches at home and abroad.

MRS. ED. S. WHELOCK

Napa, Calif.

SIR: I wish to congratulate Dr. Lippard for his illuminating writing concerning baptism. It is a masterpiece which only the golden pen of Dr. Lippard could have produced.

In 1895, I was a member of my brother's Presbyterian church, but when I became convinced of the scriptural truth about baptism, I was immersed, regardless of my brother's position as pastor of that church. I was baptized on May 3, 1896. Later my brother was also baptized and became a missionary under the appointment of The American Baptist Home Mission Society, working in Providence, R. I.

ANGELO DiDOMENICA

Havertown, Pa.

SIR: Please allow me to be among those to extend hearty congratulations on the new and greatly improved format of *MISSIONS*. The contents have always been "tops," but now you have made appearance and readability conform to the most impeccable standards of journalistic excellence. I was about to say: "Keep up the good work." But how does one improve on perfection?

LAWRENCE T. BEERS

Pottstown, Pa.

SIR: Just a word to tell you how much I enjoyed Bob Spike's contribution in the March issue. Bob was one of my excellent students at Denison. I felt I was with him during the day. I look forward to the coming of *MISSIONS* each month.

LIONEL CROCKER

Granville, Ohio

SIR: Congratulations on great issues each month.

D. R. SHARPE

Pasadena, Calif.

SIR: In our home we enjoy *MISSIONS* very much and would not want to do without it. It gives a wide scope of the work which is being done; it challenges and encourages as well. We have taken it for many years.

MRS. J. H. CROWELL

Danforth, Maine

SIR: I have been reading *MISSIONS* for thirty-four years and I learn much from each issue.

MRS. ANDREW WAKEMAN

McMinnville, Oreg.

SIR: *MISSIONS* is a wonderful magazine. I could not do without it.

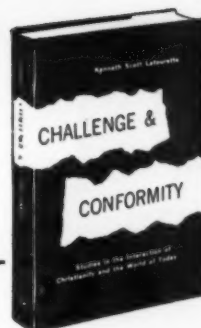
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SIR: Many thanks for the new type. It is much easier to read.

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## As I See It

By WILLIAM B. LIPPARD

**P**PROMPTED by fear of communism, strange things are happening in these freedom-loving United States.

You have read about the testimony at congressional committee hearings in Washington by an "informer" which injured the reputation of honorable patriotic Americans, including Bishop Oxnham, and which is now acknowledged to have been lies. Concerning more than two hundred Americans this "informer" admits having testified falsely. U. S. Senators and the Department of Justice apparently had accepted his false testimony without checking his veracity or his reliability as a witness. He has now written a book about his falsehoods. A publisher's advertisement announces the printing of more than 65,000 copies. From their sale a handsome royalty will doubtless accrue to the author. We have fallen upon evil days in this wonderful country when a fortune can be made simply by telling lies.

Another disclosure likewise reflects the current hysterical fear of communism. Soon we may look under our beds each night to spot some hiding communists. As reported in *The New York Times*, the Post Office Department now "screens" publications coming from Russia, China, and other Iron Curtain lands. If addressed to you or to me, they are confiscated and destroyed. Only a few university libraries (for reference purposes), diplomats, and registered foreign agents may receive them. Since no law authorizes such confiscation, the Post Office Department cites a World War II ruling by the Attorney General and thus decides what you and I shall not read. The idea behind this un-American procedure is that such publications are communist propaganda which the people ought not to see.

Who gave the postmaster such sublime acumen, such supernatural insight, in distinguishing between factual information and propaganda? This transforms him into an all-wise parent who says to the American peo-

ple, "Papa knows best!" Is it not a sad reflection on American intelligence that the people can no longer be trusted to read anything and everything that comes from abroad? Americans are presumed to be smart people. Surely they can sense what is unadulterated propaganda and what is of factual significance. Are we slowly and imperceptibly moving into an era in American life in which we are being told only what somebody thinks we should be told, and are being deprived of access to information by the arbitrary decision of some salaried official who decides what is or is not good for us? Americans freely denounce communist governments for withholding from their people all printed matter that their governments decide should not be read. Are we beginning to imitate this communist practice?

Three events of momentous postwar significance occurred on the same day last month. It was the tenth anniversary of the end in Europe of the Second World War. Such a coincidence occurs perhaps once in a thousand years.

At New York city's airport there landed twenty-five scarred, disfigured, atomic-bomb injured Japanese maidens from Hiroshima. Ten years previously the United States had dropped the first atomic bomb on their city. Flown here by the U. S. Air Force, the girls will undergo plastic surgery to restore their sightliness and beauty. For one year they will be in New York as grim reminders of that ghastly atomic massacre of hundreds of thousands of innocent civilians in Hiroshima and three days later in Nagasaki.

That was America's greatest wartime blunder. Having invented the atomic bomb, and as the first nation to use it on civilians, we gave atomic mass destruction our moral sanction. Thus we established a precedent for all nations hereafter to go and do likewise. Today we cower in fear of atomic destruction of our own great cities and of millions of the American people from Russian atomic bombs.

On the way here the twenty-five Japanese girls stopped over in Hawaii, where they were shown what had happened at Pearl Harbor. Perhaps by this visit they were left an impression that their own burns and scars and the disfigurement of their once lovely bodies was just punishment for Pearl Harbor. Is the free plastic surgery these girls are to undergo a gesture of American atonement for the sin of Hiroshima? One of the girls expressed a sentiment that all Japanese and all Americans might well share; for she said, "We in Hiroshima had terrible destruction visited upon us. But we show our repentance rather than our hatred. Now we hate war in general."

The second event occurred in Bonn, Germany. Amid impressive ceremony the German nation was granted full and unrestricted sovereignty, was admitted into the North Atlantic Alliance with the other fourteen nations, was given the right to rearmament, and was cordially welcomed as an ally of the United States. Only ten years ago any American preacher, editor, professor, who said or wrote anything friendly or decent or conciliatory about anything German, or anything derogatory about Russia, was damned as a pro-Nazi and a Hitler fifth-columnist. In ten short years what a colossal, incredible shift in attitudes!

The third event was a tumultuous but thoroughly friendly gathering in Moscow of a dozen American Army veterans and their fellow Russian Army veterans to celebrate the reunion of their wartime fellowship of 1945 at the Elbe River in Germany when General Eisenhower's American Army had met Marshall Zhukov's Russian Army in the conquest of Germany. Exuberant in their arm-in-arm friendship, Americans and Russians posed for photographs, and then sat down to a twelve-course banquet of caviar, borscht, sirloin steak, ice cream, vodka, and wine. I do not recommend the liquid accompaniments, but the friendship manifested needs to be emulated by all Americans and Russians. In spite of our emotional antipathy to anything and everything Russian, *it is really possible for Americans and Russians to be friends!*

Atonement for Hiroshima, reconciliation with Germany, friendship with Russia, all on last month's tenth anniversary of the end of the war—these are like three little rifts in the dark clouds of suspicion, postwar hatreds, hysterical animosity against Russia, fears of hydrogen bomb annihilation that hover so ominously around us. At least they give us a glimpse of the sun that still shines. If we but give it a chance it will yet break through and usher in a glorious new day.

June, 1955

## EDITORIALS

**L**OOKING back at the news in recent weeks, we can single out certain events that stirred the imagination of all civilized men. One was the publication of the Yalta papers, which, as *Time* phrased it, revealed how "the peace was lost by ignoring justice and the facts of life." So, when the truth finally came out, men of good will everywhere wondered what the past ten years might have been if the Yalta story had been different. A second event was the death of Albert Einstein, whose penetrating mind laid bare many of the earth's secrets and who, more than any other man, was responsible for the coming of atomic and hydrogen bombs. How different our world is because this man lived upon it for a span of seventy-six years! A third event, coming almost simultaneously with the second, was the announcement of the success of Jonas E. Salk's antipolio vaccine. Another scientist had done something for mankind—something helpful and constructive, as indeed Einstein's venture in atomic fission may yet prove to be. The overjubilation with which the American people received the news of the Salk achievement, and the subsequent bungling in the manufacturing and distribution of the vaccine, are evidences of an immaturity that science cannot deal with. Man's basic problem is moral and spiritual. In learning to control the forces of the universe, man has not learned to control himself. His next great conquest must be within. He needs a moral and spiritual rebirth.

### West Germany Becomes Sovereign State

**A**T NOON on May 5, ten years after Nazi Germany's unconditional surrender and the beginning of occupation by the Allied armed forces, the Federal Republic of Germany became a sovereign state. André François-Poncet and Frederick Robert Hoyer Millar, French and British high commissioners for Germany, respectively, deposited in Bonn their Governments' instruments of ratification of the Paris agreements (signed October 23, 1954), and West German sovereignty came into being. James B. Conant, United States high commissioner, had already deposited our Government's instruments of ratification, on April 1. Simultaneously the high commissioners issued a joint proclamation declaring West Germany a sovereign state and became, by action of their respective Governments, ambassadors to the new republic. Next day the Federal Republic of Germany was admitted to the North Atlantic Treaty Organization, signifying acceptance of the new nation as a member in good standing of the Western family of nations. And so, by the strange reversals of history, the enemy of yesterday becomes the ally of today, and vice

versa. Ten years ago, Germany was a foe of the Allied Powers, and Russia an ally. Today, Germany is an ally, and Russia a foe. It all shows the ineffectiveness of war as a means of settling international disputes. In the final analysis the settlement has to be made by arbitration (the Paris agreements and the Bonn proclamation), whether immediately or ten years later. Why, then, should nations resort to war, knowing that arbitration must come eventually? Why not arbitrate immediately and prevent the ghastly holocaust of war? Must we go from one international blunder to another, ignoring the facts of life and refusing to learn the lessons of history? With the birth of a new nation in Germany, signposts of the time point to a new Europe, a united and peace-loving Europe. And this ideal can be achieved—by arbitration. On the day it received its sovereignty the Federal Republic of West Germany issued a proclamation on its new independence. Reminding the German people that "freedom brings duties with it," the proclamation then stated: "There is only one place for us in the world: at the side of the free peoples." There is only one place for any nation—at the side of free peoples. And the proclamation concluded: "Our goal is: A free and united Germany in a free and united Europe." So may it be. That goal ought to be reached—not ten years after a devastating war, but now. And that goal can be reached—if the nations concerned have the will to reach it. After calling the Bonn sovereignty "probably the greatest effort for peace ever made," former Governor Thomas E. Dewey, of New York, added: "Church bells should be ringing and there should be joy in the hearts of free men everywhere." Ringing church bells is, of course, all right, but vastly more important is practicing what the churches are supposed to stand for—good will on earth, peace among men.

### Foreign Aid As Means of Peace

**U**NDoubtedly, one of the surest means of achieving the just and durable peace that we were considering in the preceding paragraph, is aid to underdeveloped countries. President Eisenhower has asked Congress for a modest \$3,530,000,000, which is a meager sum in comparison with the \$18,000,000,000 the Korean War cost the United States, not counting the pay of service personnel. Informed persons know full well that communism is making headway in Asia, Africa, and South America chiefly by exploiting the poverty and the misery of the common people. So, as Representative Harrison A. Williams, Jr., of New Jersey, puts it in *The Reporter* for April 7: "The final answer to Communism is neither conventional nor un-



conventional weapons but the fulfillment of Asia's economic needs by democratic means." The plain truth is that the underdeveloped nations are trying to catch up with the economic and industrial development of the West, and the primary consideration is whether they will try to do so through communism (as in China) or by democratic processes (as in India). The aid we give—or withhold—may make the difference between the success or the failure of the two approaches. Harold E. Stassen, foreign-aid administrator, sees the need for foreign aid "as long as the world is under the threat of the Communist ideology." Secretary of State John Foster Dulles, appearing before the Senate foreign-relations committee in behalf of the President's request for foreign-aid funds, urged the continuance of foreign aid on the ground that already it had brought about a change in the direction of peace in Communist attitudes. And President Eisenhower himself put it thus: "The other free nations need the United States, and we need them, if all are to be secure." This is, without doubt, the clearest, most concise, and most sensible statement of foreign policy ever expressed by the head of a sovereign nation. It is at the same time the most Christian. The other free nations need us, and we need them, if any of us are to be secure! And that we have plenty to give was made clear recently by the publication of the Twentieth Century Fund's "America's Needs and Resources: A New Survey." As reported in *The New York Times*, this survey shows that the purchasing power of 160,000,000 Americans is probably greater than that of all the 600,000,000 people who live in Europe and Russia put together. By the very logic of desire for survival we simply cannot afford to be selfish, not to mention more humanitarian reasons.

### A Basic Fallacy About Christianity

WRITING in *The New York Times Magazine* for May 3, on "A Basic Fallacy in Our View of Others," Vera Micheles Dean, research director of the Foreign Policy Association, made a surprising statement about the role of Christianity in India that ought not to go unchallenged. She said: "... belatedly (but in this case better late than never), we are beginning to realize that Christianity when used to denigrate native religious beliefs may, instead of saving souls, actually clear the ground for the sowing of Communist ideas. That is what happened, for example, in Travancore-Cochin, the most Christian and at the same time the most Communist area of India." In view of her wide knowledge of world affairs, and of her acquaintance with life in India in particular, it is disconcerting to find Mrs. Dean making such an inaccurate statement as that. Did it never occur to her that hunger might have had something to do with the temporary Communist gains in Travancore-Cochin (gains that were not nearly so large or so significant as press reports indicated)? In his *Ambassador's Report*, no less an authority than Chester Bowles has this to say about the situation: "While I was traveling through Travancore-Cochin in southwest India in December, 1951, just before the election, I heard another story about Communist techniques. Here in village after village two or three days before election they set up what they called

'ration booths,' and invited people to bring them their ration books. 'How in the world can a family expect to live on such a small ration,' the Communist in charge would say to the poor family head. Then he would give him a supposed 'ticket' entitling the voter to two or three times as much food at a lower price. 'This will be good only if the Communists win the election,' he would warn, 'so watch carefully how you vote.'" It is to the glory of Christianity that it "clears the ground" for social change, but charging it with responsibility for Communist gains in India is a horse of a different color. Nor is that the full extent of Mrs. Dean's failure to understand Christianity. She says even that "Buddhism and Hinduism, Confucianism and Islam, are just as lofty in their conception of man and his relation to the universe as Judaism and Christianity." Then why has social change been so painfully slow in non-Christian lands? Surely Mrs. Dean knows that caste is an integral part of Hinduism, and that Buddhism, Confucianism, and Islam have accomplished precious little in bettering the lot of man. People called Christians may fail to live up to Christian ideals, but the ideals themselves are the loftiest ever conceived. And they are the inspiration behind the great social achievements of our day.

### An Unusual Assortment of News

MONDAY after Mother's Day, *The New York Times* published a strange assortment of news. On page 1 was a story relating to New York's effort to cope with its alarming juvenile-delinquency problem. The story told about Mayor Wagner's plan for prompt action on a "priority basis" to meet the situation head-on, at a cost of more than \$3,000,000 during the next three years. On the run-over page were three or four columns of excerpts from Deputy Mayor Henry Epstein's report to the mayor on this same problem, suggesting \$25,000,000 as the cost of dealing with it on a long-range basis. On the pages devoted to church news, Hampton Adams, pastor of the Park Avenue Christian Church, was reported to have urged his congregation to invite two youth gangs to use the recreation rooms in the church building. "If we do not," said Dr. Adams, "the guilt for juvenile delinquency in Yorkville can be laid at our doorsteps." Dr. Adams recalled that youths in the neighborhood were using streets and sidewalks for "recreation and mischief." Then came this choice bit of reporting. In his Mother's Day sermon, John Sutherland Bonnell, of the Fifth Avenue Presbyterian Church, had said that one cannot build a home on a card table, a can opener, and a cocktail shaker. "Irresponsible and delinquent" parents, he said, are the chief cause of juvenile delinquency. After saying that one of the deepest joys of life is to spend time with one's children, putting them to bed and listening to their prayers, Dr. Bonnell exclaimed: "But God pity those parents who bequeath to their children the memory only of a long succession of baby sitters!" Pity, indeed, not only on the parents, but on the children and on society at large. Surely we ought to know that a child's behavior patterns are formed in the home, in early life, and that parents ought to be on hand in the forming process. Trying to fulfill parental responsibility by proxy is doomed to failure. Life is so constituted.





## Arizona Journey

By JOHN C. SLEMP

A LITTLE MORE THAN twenty-one hundred miles as the plane flies southwest from the subways, the skyscrapers, and the crowds of New York, is a new and different world—beautiful, fascinating, colorful Arizona. Its broad plateaus, its deeply etched mountain ranges, its brilliantly colored desert plains, its picturesque mesas, even its dreary levels of sagebrush and sand, have glories and wonders unsurpassed anywhere else in the world. There, late in April, Mrs. Slemp and I spent a delightful, unforgettable week.

One reason for making the journey was to participate in the spring missionary rally of the Women's American Baptist Mission Society of Arizona, held at the Temple Baptist Church, Phoenix, of which David E. Weitzell is pastor. The large attendance (approximately two hundred) and the excellent reports were indicative both of the virility of the women's organization and of the dynamic leadership of its president, Mrs. Albion C. Thomas, of Phoenix. Look, for example, at the Love Gift. The goal for the year was \$2,600, but the report showed that \$2,918 had been received. Other reports, graphically presented, were equally encouraging.

Our next objective was to visit the Christian centers in Phoenix and Tucson and to see what progress was being made in the Churches for New Frontiers campaign in these cities. So, while Mrs. Slemp spent the day with the women of Phoenix and spoke that evening at the First Baptist Church, Ivan Bell, pastor, I went with Carlton W. Saywell, executive secretary of the

Arizona Convention of American Baptist Churches, to Tucson.

In Tucson, we visited first the Mexican Baptist Church, of which Horacio Quinones is pastor. The modest building had recently been redecorated, largely by the hands of the pastor himself, and there were other signs of progress. Operated in connection with the church, and a part of its life, is a Christian center, of which Mrs. Leona M. Evans is director.

We went next to the University Baptist Church, strategically located under the shadow of the University of Arizona. This Churches for New Frontiers project was made possible by the purchase of a substantial building from the Methodists, who were moving into a new and larger edifice. Selwyn Smith is the pastor of this newly organized church, which has large possibilities for growth.

Dr. Saywell and I then went to see the recently completed first unit of the Catalina Baptist Church in suburban Tucson. The pastor is Linwood R. Berry. In 1952, when this church was organized, it had only four members. The last Sunday in April it had 128 members.

If that kind of growth appears incredible, remember that both Tucson and Phoenix are bursting at the seams these days. In 1953, Greater Tucson had a population of 165,000; in 1954, it had 175,000. In 1953, Greater Phoenix numbered 280,000; in 1954, it numbered 300,000. In 1954, the population of the state was estimated at 950,000, and it is predicted that that figure will be doubled in the next ten to fifteen years.



Mrs. A. C. Thomas (left) presents Mrs. John C. Slemm at missionary rally. Looking on is Mrs. Dean Thayer



After pinning her piece of "fruit" to cornucopia, Mrs. Clifford Hadlock (left) gives Love Gift report



Carlton W. Saywell (right) talks with Rev. and Mrs. Horacio Quinones, of Mexican Baptist Church, Tucson

Next day in Phoenix, the Slemms, reunited, went with Dr. Saywell on a tour of the city. New houses, new houses, new houses—everywhere! We had heard that Phoenix was a boom town, and now we saw that indeed it was. The scores of new industries that had moved into town in recent months had brought thousands of people with them—not as tourists, here today and gone tomorrow, but as permanent residents.

In one of these rapidly expanding areas is the Alzona Park Baptist Church, with a resident membership of 158. The pastor, Ralph D. Knight, who is also director of the Christian center next door, is reaching out into the mushrooming community, and prospects for an increase in the membership of the church are excellent.

At Maryvale (another section of suburban Phoenix) we saw both the building site and the temporary home of a new American Baptist church, of which William Heard is pastor. Already more than three thousand new houses had been built in this community, and that was only the beginning. Now meeting in a home, this church has an average of 120 in Sunday school and seventy-five at the morning worship service. Wait till its new building is completed!

In another section of the city the edifice of the Monte Vista Baptist Church was nearing completion. This church, of which Harold H. Kuhlman is pastor, contributed more than \$500 to the Unified Budget last year and \$675 to Churches for New Frontiers. It is the same pattern that has appeared in church after church—New Frontiers churches contributing to New Frontiers churches!

For the finished product of a Churches for New Frontiers effort we went to see the Westwood Community Baptist Church, of which James M. Fleck is pastor. This building could well be the pride and joy of any Baptist congregation in America. But here, again, it is something other than its building that makes a church. That something can be isolated, at least in part, by a glance at the \$11,000 in this church's eight-month budget, of which amount \$1,000 is for missions,



Dr. Saywell (left) confers with Laura Fish and Wallace D. Yeates in front of the Phoenix Christian Center

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and by noting a pledge of \$1,500 to Churches for New Frontiers.

The last stop on our tour of the city was at the Phoenix Christian Center. There we talked with Wallace D. Yeates, executive director, and Laura Fish, director of girls' work. This center, interracial in its outreach, is rendering an invaluable service to the children and youth of the community. Attendance at its various activities last year totaled more than 52,000.

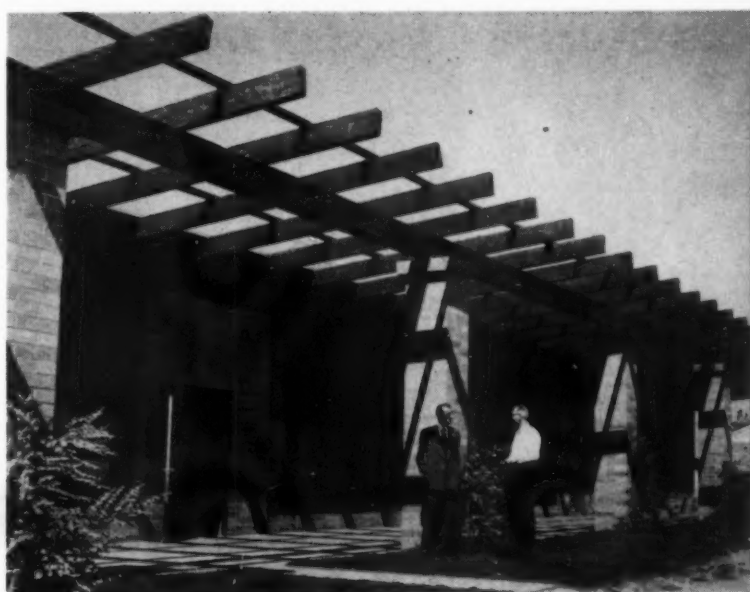
The last three days of our Arizona journey were devoted to seeing something of our work among Indian Americans in the Cottonwood area and at Keams Canyon and vicinity. Sponsored by the Women's American Baptist Mission Society of Arizona, with Mrs. Earl Gamborg, of Phoenix, as conductor, a caravan of two Greyhound buses, carrying eighty-six persons from thirteen churches, made this memorable journey.

At noon the first day we arrived in the Clarkdale-Cottonwood area, where the Perry L. Jacksons are doing a noteworthy piece of work among the Apaches and the Lavapais. As missionary-pastor of the Bethany Baptist Church (comprised of congregations at Clarkdale, Middle Verde, and Camp Verde), Mr. Jackson led his people in raising their Churches for New Frontiers goal of \$250 to \$1,300, of which amount \$700 has already been paid. In addition, the church gives from \$500 to \$600 a year to missions.

After several persons from the Bethany group had joined our caravan, we proceeded to Keams Canyon and thence to Second Mesa, where a bountiful and delicious potluck supper awaited us. Altogether we comprised approximately two hundred hungry people, and how we did eat! Already the hour was late, and after supper we lost little time in finding places assigned to us for the night—some at Second Mesa, others at First Mesa (Polacca), still others at Keams Canyon. The missionaries in these places—the M. Francis Hubbels, the R. S. Fronterhouses, and the William G. Webbers, respectively—had gone all out to make us comfortable, with 100 per cent success.



Just read the sign and note the houses for a picture of what is happening in this growing area of Phoenix



Linwood R. Berry (left) is justifiably proud of the first unit of the Catalina Baptist Church, Tucson



Mrs. R. E. Dean is ready for some fun with a group of children at Alzona Park Christian Center, Phoenix  
June, 1955



Westwood Community Baptist Church, Phoenix, is an example of Churches for New Frontiers achievements





At camp Verde, this fine group joined our caravan for the trip to Keams Canyon. They had a good time



Mrs. Clarence Jones (third from left) poses with a group of friends at Polacca. She kept caravanists singing



At Indian ruins on plateau near Keams Canyon. In foreground is David Beeson—the only man in sight

Early next morning we went in alternating groups to see firsthand how the Navajos and Hopis live. We visited in the hogans of the Navajos on the burning desert and went atop the mesas to see what life is like among the Hopis. What we saw was almost incredible for people who have come to take for granted the material comforts and luxuries of most areas of twentieth-century America. There before our eyes were people living very much as they had lived when Columbus first sighted this hemisphere. Navajos were trying to wrest a scant living from the relentless desert, following their small herds of sheep or cattle to what they hoped would be better grazing, or preparing rainless soil for what they hoped would be a harvest of corn. On the mesas the Hopis were living in their houses of stone as they had done for centuries, going to the valley below to raise their crops, cut their firewood, and procure their drinking water. Some had moved down onto the slopes leading to the mesas, but thousands continued to live atop, as it were in open defiance of the white man's encroaching civilization.

It would seem that there are four ways of looking at this situation, only one of which is the right way. The first is to refuse to recognize the problems that exist. I use the plural, "problems," advisedly, rather than the singular, "problem." There is no Indian problem, but there are many Indian problems—or, better, many Indians who have problems. Those problems are economic, social, educational, moral, religious, and to refuse to recognize them is to run into the face of reality.

A second approach is to reject responsibility for these problems. Some people go so far as to say that the reservation system should be abolished at once, so that lands now tax free may become taxable. Such action would, of course, spell disaster for most Indian Americans in their present stage of development.

A third approach is to assume that time is unlimited in which to solve the many intricate problems. Meanwhile there is no hurry. Unfortunately, oftentimes the



Zettie Hasgood, Navajo Christian, stands at door of her hogan. She was interpreter for A. F. Loveridge

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Government seems to be taking this attitude. It would seem, for example, that Keams Canyon, where the government agency is located, if no other place in that vicinity, ought to set an example both for the immediate community and the reservation as a whole. It should be a garden spot, a model community. Yet it falls far short of that ideal. When we were there it was a veritable dust bowl.

The fourth—and right—approach to the situation, it seems to me, is to do something *now* for the people whose lives are tied to the desert, and then, as rapidly as possible, get the children and youth into schools, preferably off the reservation, and eventually integrated into modern American life. Doing something for the people on the soil should include trained agriculturists to help them with the problems of their desert lands. It should include also some form of irrigation and other material assistance, such as farming implements, fertilizers, seeds, livestock—all as means of helping the people to help themselves. Along with all this should come an intensive ministry to their minds, their consciences, and their spirits—to teach them better ways of living, the basic virtues of responsible citizenship, the will to live as free men in a free society.

So the work of our missionaries among the Indian Americans of Arizona is vitally important. It needs to be strengthened. An agriculturist, to do a work similiar to that of Burl Slocum in the Philippines, is greatly needed.

Now to round out the story. On Sunday, after dividing our forces for Sunday school and church at the three churches, we returned to Phoenix. And the next day, proudly carrying a bound volume of *Arizona Highways* which the women's organization had presented to us on the day of the missionary rally, Mrs. Slemp and I took a plane back to the subways, the skyscrapers, and the crowds of New York. Part of the time en route we used in slowly turning the pages of our exquisitely beautiful book, now and then looking back to see once again the inscription by Governor Ernest W. McFarland.



Mr. and Mrs. Steve Beeson (center), first Hopi converts. Son Paul is at left (back) and David at right



Part of a large display of choice Navajo and Hopi handiwork in basement of church at Keams Canyon



Where ceremonial snake dances are held in Hopi village atop Second Mesa. Not deserted—people inside June, 1955



One section of a banquet served in basement of the church at Keams Canyon—an event long to remember



V. Carney Hargroves delivering presidential address. In background is part of his excellent church choir



Frank A. Nelson, layman, of Racine, Wis., is newly elected president of the American Baptist Convention

## Atlantic City, 1955

*A report of the forty-eighth annual meeting of the American Baptist Convention, Atlantic City, N. J., May 18-24*

By JOHN C. SLEMP

Assisted by GLENN H. ASQUITH

**N**EARLY seven thousand delegates and visitors from Maine to California gathered at Atlantic City, N. J., May 18-24, for the forty-eighth annual meeting of the American Baptist Convention. Perfect weather and generally prevailing harmony in the several sessions made this one of a series of excellent conventions in recent years—Chicago, 1952; Denver, 1953; Minneapolis, 1954; Atlantic City, 1955.

This convention considered reorganization of its general structure and relocation of its national headquarters; approved the integration of its two Home and two Foreign Mission Societies; heard both encouraging and discouraging financial reports; dedicated seventy-six new missionaries; inaugurated A Year of Baptist Achievement; adopted timely resolutions; provided opportunity for several significant addresses, panel discussions, and periods of worship; transacted important business; and offered many opportunities for Christian fellowship.

### Resolution on Reorganization

One of at least three items of business about which the delegates had been informed in advance was a pro-

posal to remake the general working structure of the American Baptist Convention (MISSIONS, March, 1955, pp. 13, 40-41; May, 1955, pp. 13-14). Responsibility for this important task had been given to a committee of the General Council, headed by R. Clai-bourne Johnson, Waukegan, Ill., and a preliminary report had been made at Minneapolis in May, 1954. Meanwhile, the American Institute of Management had made a thorough study of the problem. So the delegates knew in advance that action relating to reorganization would be taken at Atlantic City, and came prepared for it. Moreover, this matter, together with possible relocation of national headquarters, was discussed at a well-attended open session of the General Council as the delegates were arriving for the opening of the convention proper. Many considered this a demonstration of Baptist democracy that is well worth repeating.

Against this background, but after limited discussion on the convention floor, which some delegates considered too brief for a matter of such importance as this, the following resolution, as amended, was adopted:

WHEREAS, There is among our constituency an awareness of need for greater coordination and integration of

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"Pearly" Gates steps to the edge of the platform to lead large congregation in singing "Jacob's Ladder"

our program, for greater economy of operation, and for a single, representative policy-making group, and

WHEREAS, The American Institute of Management, after study of our operations, has recommended that there be a reorganization of our convention, and

WHEREAS, The General Council has presented its recommendations for reorganization along the following lines, subject to further adjustments and modifications after further study during the coming nine months:

1. That the membership of the General Council be changed to consist of 27 elected for three-year terms, the president, two vice-presidents, general secretary, treasurer, immediate past president, the president of the Foreign Mission Board [*sic*], the president of the Home Mission board [*sic*], the president of the Board of Education and Publication, and the president of the Ministers and Missionaries Benefit Board;

2. That the functions of the General Council be broadened to include the general task of coordinating the programs and policies of the convention and the reorganizations related to it, and to include the functions heretofore assigned to the Council on Missionary Cooperation;

3. That the Council on Missionary Cooperation be changed to an Advisory Council, for the purpose of advising the General Council on matters pertaining to the life and work of our churches generally, the development of beneficence, and the promotion of our work, with membership consisting of 18 elected for three-year terms (equally divided between pastors and lay persons, and equally divided in each case among the three areas of the convention), one person appointed by each state convention and city mission society, the president of each associated organization of men, women, youth, and ministers, and one person appointed by each other associated organization participating in the Unified Budget;

4. That there be a consultative staff arrangement under which senior staff of the convention and its related organizations may confer at monthly or other periodic intervals on matters of mutual concern, with a view to greater integration of the work, the consultative staff to consist of the general secretary as chairman, and (a) the executive secretaries of the cooperating organizations and in-



President Hargroves, former President John A. Dawson, and Program Chairman E. B. Willingham in lighter vein

corporated boards of the convention, (b) a representative chosen by the Association of State Convention Secretaries, and one chose by the Association of City Secretaries, and (c) such other staff of the denomination as the General Council may from time to time designate;

5. That there be two associate general secretaries, nominated by the general secretary and employed by the General Council, to assist the general secretary;

6. That the executive committee of the General Council consist of the president, general secretary, treasurer, and six members appointed by the president;

7. That present members of the General Council and [of the] Council on Missionary Cooperation who have been elected for three-year terms and who are members thereof at the time this proposal is adopted remain as members of the General Council and the Advisory Council, respectively, until the expiration of their terms, even though this will temporarily leave these councils slightly larger than is provided above;

8. That the General Council make available to the other organizations related to the convention for use at their option such common staff facilities as those relating to purchasing, publicity, finance, publishing, merchandising, mailing lists, etc.

*Be it resolved*, That it is the sense of the convention that there be a reorganization of the convention's agencies and staffs in the direction outlined above, and that this proposal be reported back to the General Council with a direction that further adjustments be made after wide discussion and consultation with the various agencies.

*Be it further resolved*, That the convention approve the plan of the General Council to recommend at least ninety days prior to the next annual meeting for consideration by the convention at such meeting the changes in the bylaws that are needed to accomplish such a reorganization.

## Action on Headquarters

A second item of business that had aroused keen interest in advance was relocation of national head-



Their churches led in Unified Budget giving. Right to left: J. L. Harnish, Winfield Edson, and F. B. Thorn



Baptist democracy in preconvention open session of the General Council. Visitors spoke on vital issues

quarters (MISSIONS, March, 1955, pp. 40-41; May, 1955, pp. 13-14, 16). At the open session of the General Council to which reference has been made, R. Clai-bourne Johnson presented a preliminary resolution to move headquarters to the Midwest, somewhere in the Chicago area. After extended discussion, a straw vote indicated division, with approximately 60 per cent of the persons present opposed to the resolution.

Sensing this division, and respecting it, the General Council later presented to the convention a report, stating that it had not reached a decision on the city or location in which the principal administrative offices should be placed, and explaining the need for further consultation with the national societies and boards with respect to that matter. The statement closed with the following resolution, which was adopted:

*Be it resolved*, That the convention commit to the General Council the further study of the location of our principal administrative offices, with such consultation as seems appropriate with the boards of the cooperating organizations, the incorporated boards of the convention, and other appropriate bodies, with a further report to be made at our annual meeting in 1957 or 1958, and

*Be it resolved*, That the convention request all of its national organizations and agencies to avoid purchasing space for administrative offices, or entering into leases therefor which run beyond 1960, except after full consultation with the General Council.

### Integration of Mission Societies

The third item of business for which the delegates had been prepared in advance was the integration of The American Baptist Home Mission Society and the Woman's American Baptist Home Mission Society, and of the American Baptist Foreign Mission Society and the Woman's American Baptist Foreign Mission Society (MISSIONS, January, 1955, p. 55; April, 1955, pp. 39-40).

Integration took place by vote of the convention at

the close of the afternoon session on May 19. This action involved (1) changes in bylaws of the societies to make integration possible; (2) election by the two Home Mission Societies and by the two Foreign Mission Societies, respectively, of boards of managers with identical membership; (3) certain realignments of departmental titles and functions, (4) some shifts in responsibilities of office personnel.

It was made clear that this action was integration, not merger. The four societies, being independent, incorporated bodies, will continue to exist for all legal purposes. The action taken pertains only to their work, with a view to more effective missionary service.

### Financial Reports

Year after year convention delegates eagerly await the latest word on the Unified Budget and other financial reports. This year, as for four years previously, they learned from a report by Ralph M. Johnson, general director of the Council on Missionary Cooperation, that there had been an increase in Unified Budget receipts. The total as of April 30 was \$7,551,866, an increase of \$1,600,000 over receipts of five years previously.

Churches that led in Unified Budget giving (in total amounts, but not necessarily in percentages, and excluding churches with dual alignments, as in Washington, D. C., and St. Louis, Mo.) were Temple, Los Angeles, Calif., J. L. Harnish, pastor, with contributions of \$41,374.12, first for the second time in three years; First, Long Beach, Calif., Winfield Edson, pastor, with \$39,538.63; and First, Wichita, Kans., F. B. Thorn, pastor, with \$35,597.00. In addition, these churches contributed generously to Churches for New Frontiers, the Institutional Budget, and other objectives and agencies.

The convention adopted two budgets as presented by A. J. Hudson, chairman of the Finance Committee. One was for the short year ending December 31, 1955,



Part of a panel discussion. Left to right: Warner R. Cole, of Detroit, and Albert Payton, of Cincinnati



Elmer A. Fridell speaks to the resolution on reorganization. Standing by is Chairman R. Claibourne Johnson

in the amount of \$5,161,927, and the other for the calendar year (the new fiscal year) 1956 in the amount of \$7,997,338. Since there will not be an America for Christ Offering in the short year, but will be a World Fellowship Offering, the Finance Committee's report stated that a plan had been effected to provide a degree of equalization between groups sharing in the two offerings. The committee indicated that both offerings were being scheduled for 1956.

Reporting for the Churches for New Frontiers campaign, Finley Keech, chairman of the committee of twenty-five, revealed that pledges totaled \$6,552,080.62, and that payments of \$2,881,065.13 had been made as of April 30. Mr. Keech pointed out the somewhat discouraging fact that less than half of the six thousand churches of the convention had participated in this campaign, and that the money pledged was only 78 per cent of the goal of \$8,350,000.

On the encouraging side of this picture, however, the committee reported that as of April 30 ninety-seven new churches had already been brought into being, with buildings either completed or under construction, and that perhaps 210 to 220 new churches would be organized through the first use of the money received. Churches for which loans have been made are in Arizona, California, Colorado, Connecticut, Delaware, Idaho, Illinois, Indiana, Iowa, Kansas, Massachusetts, Michigan, Missouri, Montana, Nevada, New Jersey, New York, North Dakota, Ohio, Oregon, Pennsylvania, Rhode Island, South Dakota, Washington, Wisconsin, and Wyoming.

### Dedication of Missionaries

A session of high interest at this convention, as at all our annual conventions, was the dedication of missionaries. This year seventy-six were dedicated, thirty-eight by the Associated Home Mission Agencies and thirty-eight by the two Foreign Mission Societies. Most

of the first group are designated to fields of service in the United States. One couple will go to Nicaragua and a single woman to Alaska. Foreign fields to which new missionaries will go are Burma, South India, the Philippines, Japan, Belgian Congo, Assam, and Bengal-Orissa.

Mrs. Ralph F. Palmer, of Mansfield, Mass., gave the dedicatory address. Speaking on "It's Our Turn to Write a Chapter," she urged American Baptists to give to this generation the same missionary devotion that people of other generations had given to theirs.

### A Year of Baptist Achievement

One entire session was devoted to the convention's special emphasis for the new year, beginning September 1—a program of work known as A Year of Baptist Achievement, to be under the direction of Kenneth L. Cober, of the Board of Education and Publication.

One of the finest features in the entire convention was the dramatic presentation of this new program, which will seek to promote the work of the Sunday church school. With the use of visual aids, audience participation, and character roles from the platform, Benjamin P. Browne, narrator, with the assistance of Richard Hoiland and Kenneth L. Cober, told the story of the development of church-school work and emphasized its importance today. At one point of the presentation, persons from areas where pilot programs had been carried out, all with signal success, appeared on the platform and gave their testimonies.

A Baptist Year of Achievement will seek to strengthen the Sunday church school through (1) increased attendance, (2) better teaching, (3) decisions for Christ, and (4) Christian growth. "Victories are literally waiting to be won," declared Ralph M. Johnson.

Honored at this session was Mrs. J. J. Bristow, of the Second Baptist Church, Lincoln, Nebr., a Sunday school teacher for seventy-six years.





Colorful Processional of the Nations is a traditional part of the service of dedication of new missionaries



Wilbur Larson watches Mrs. W. G. Farmar, W. Va., pin orchid on Ota G. Walters, M.D., missionary to Mexico

## Concerning Resolutions

Acting on the report of its committee on resolutions, the convention reaffirmed its allegiance to the historic Baptist principle of the separation of church and state; protested legislation requiring churches and church-related institutions to make loyalty oaths as a prerequisite to exemption of their property from taxation; urged active participation in political life as Christian citizens; called attention to the plight of Indian Americans as the Government takes steps to terminate its wardship relation to them, and urged termination legislation to protect them against treaty abrogation, safeguard their health and education, and provide facilities for their integration into contemporary American life; reaffirmed its opposition to the legalizing of the manufacture, sale, and use of beverage alcohol; urged churches to examine themselves with respect to racial tensions, and to work for the elimination of any discrimination based on race, color, or national origin; registered opposition to legislation that tends to establish a permanent system of peacetime military conscription; urged full use of the United Nations in all areas of international relations; registered concern that the Refugee Relief Act of 1953 had brought to our shores so few refugees, and urged a larger effort to get sponsors for the one thousand families whom American Baptists have pledged to resettle; urged legislation to effect more equity and justice than the present immigration law affords.

At the morning session on May 24, C. C. Warren, newly elected president of the Southern Baptist Convention, spoke of two recommendations which that body had made at its recent meeting in Miami. One of these called for a plan of cooperation with other Baptist bodies in a great evangelistic crusade in 1958 or 1959. The other called for conferences with representatives of other Baptist bodies, looking to a five-year program of advance to culminate in celebration of the 150th anniversary of the Triennial Convention.

That afternoon, in response, the American Baptist Convention, after declaring its belief that in interconventional cooperation "we can learn more about going forward together in winning America and the world to Christ," adopted the following resolution:

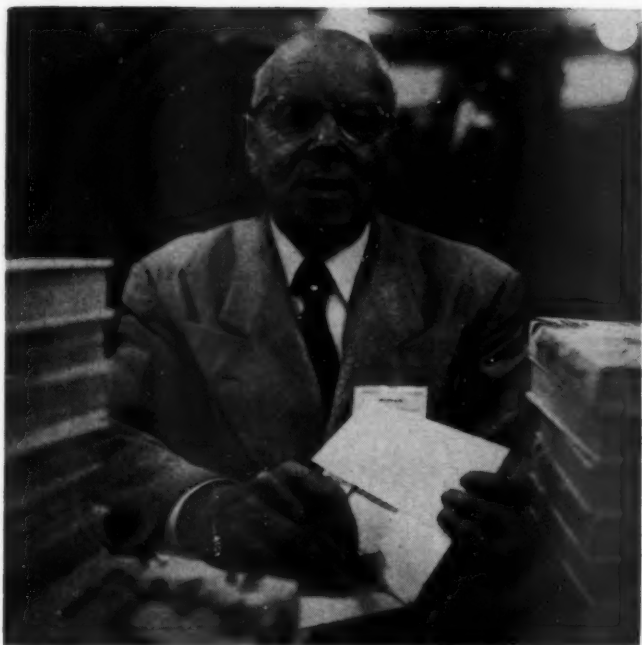
*Be it resolved,* That we heartily welcome the proposal of the Southern Baptist Convention and request that the department of evangelism of the Home Mission Society consider the implementation of American Baptist participation in the evangelistic crusade, and urge that the long-range objectives leading to the sesquicentennial be referred with our cordial endorsement to the appropriate committee of the General Council for further development.

## Significant Addresses

In a national convention of this character the delegates and visitors anticipate hearing a number of significant addresses. They were not disappointed at Atlantic City. One of these addresses was by President V. Carney Hargroves, of Philadelphia, Pa. He spoke of encouragement and hope "despite the dark clouds which surround us, yea, even because of them." He gave four reasons why American Baptists should be encouraged at this time: first, "we are walking . . . together with God"; second, "our walking together as Baptists"; third, "our walking together with Christian friends"; fourth, "we are walking together in a great world mission." In developing these points, Dr. Hargroves called for a positive, ecumenical, missionary Christianity. "There is no such thing as an isolated Christian," he said. "A Christian is a part of a fellowship. He is a member of the body of Christ."

By means of a tape recording, General Secretary Reuben E. Nelson, absent because of illness, moved his hearers to vigorous applause by a brief but stirring address. He reminded the delegates that "we are a missionary convention" whose basic purpose is evangelism;

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William A. Axling, missionary to Japan for more than fifty years, autographs his "Japan at the Mid-century"

that American Baptists are but "one member in a great family of evangelical Christians"; and that in a jet-propelled age "we need to make sure that each of us is very close to the heart of God."

At the close of one address the large audience stood, not only in recognition of an eloquent message, but also in tribute to the man who had delivered it. The speaker was V. E. Devadutt, of Serampore, India, past president of the Baptist Union of Pakistan, India, Burma, and Ceylon, now visiting professor at Ohio Wesleyan University. After speaking of the extent to which man has conquered space, thereby causing his world to shrink, but has erected national barriers higher and higher, he said, "It would seem that man has not become big enough to live in a small world." Reminding his hearers that one-third of humanity is subject to hunger and nakedness, and that this section of humanity is passing through the pangs of revolution, Dr. Devadutt asked, "What then is the role of the Christian church at this momentous period in human history?" His answer was that "its ministry must be vitally relevant to the specific and concrete needs of this scene." Taking his clue from the prophecies of Amos, he said: "The landless peasant, the ill-paid laborer, the social outcast, the man in perpetual poverty, the unemployed intellectual in Asian lands, and the native in Africa against whom cruel racial discriminations are practices, are all crying for justice." So "the church is to carry on the redemptive work of her Lord—the Lord [who took] upon himself the burden of the world."

In an address on "Japan at the Mid-century," William A. Axling, retired after a half-century of missionary work in that land, declared that "the crying need for American Baptists . . . is to rediscover, re-explore, and re-experience the redemptive, conquering Christ of our day." He affirmed that Christ "is big enough for our troubled, tangled world . . . the answer to its agonizing search for a way out of its fears and frustrations." So Dr. Axling pleaded: "We need to put our



Walking down center aisle, Richard Hoiland interviews Mrs. C. A. Heaton on value of the Sunday church school

gospel into life—life that is aglow." Said he: "We need to recover the crusading zeal that is the genius of our faith."

Another address of vast importance was by Edwin T. Dahlberg, of St. Louis, Mo. After cataloguing the many evils of our day—its crimes, its drunkenness, its broken homes, its militarism—he warned: "As Baptists we have got to work with our brethren in other denominations to find a better answer [to these problems] than we have now." Then he quoted a statement by Bishop Eivind Berggrav, of Norway, at Evanston: "We must not only learn to work together and worship together. We must actually become fond of one another." The speaker marveled at the inconsistencies of some Baptists who are ready to join hands with all sorts of cults *against* something, but who resolutely refuse to join other religious groups in a common effort *for* something.

In still other addresses Ralph M. Johnson challenged his hearers to become "a praying fellowship" and suggested the signing of a prayer card now being widely distributed (120,000 as the convention closed); J. H. Jackson, president of the National Baptist Convention, U.S.A., called for apostles of freedom who will not be satisfied with personal liberation only, but will reach out into all society; and Eugene A. Nida, of the American Bible Society, spoke of the transforming power of the Bible when its translation into strange and difficult languages makes it indeed the Living Word of God.

## Panel Discussions

Related to the general theme of this convention—"According to the Eternal Purpose" (Eph. 3:11)—was a series of panel discussions on "Communicating God's Purpose." Many delegates remarked that these discussions, in which both laymen and ministers participated, made Christianity real, brought it down to earth, related it to the vital issues of everyday life.



Business Manager Frank A. Sharp "turns on the charm" for MISSIONS. Margaret G. Macoskey gives sales talk



More than four hundred pastors placed orders for 120,000 prayer cards at C.M.C. booth in the exhibit hall

Chairman of Panel 1, "How to Demonstrate the Need for God," was August M. Hintz, of Chicago, Ill.; Panel 2, "How to Make God Real," E. E. Smith, of Omaha, Nebr.; Panel 3, "How to Relate God to Daily Work," Elbert E. Gates, Jr., of Westfield, N. J.; Panel 4, "How to Share God with Others," Howard Haworth, of Hutchinson, Kans.

### Periods of Worship

Leaders of the worship services at the close of the morning sessions were Warner R. Cole, of Detroit, Mich.; H. H. Kruener, of Granville, Ohio; Herbert Gezork, of Newton Centre, Mass.; S. H. Miller, of Cambridge, Mass.; and Hubert A. Davidson, of Los Angeles, Calif.

Preacher of the annual sermon was F. B. Thorn, of Wichita, Kans. Speaking on the general theme of the convention, which he called a missionary theme, Dr. Thorn began: "If our convention has any business at all, it is missions. If we have forgotten that, we have forgotten our business." He said that God's purpose for the world is a missionary purpose; that that purpose is eternal; that it is revealed in Jesus Christ; and that it moves to a successful culmination through the followers of Christ. "Our missionary responsibility," he declared, "is not optional. And we must never think of the difficulties or the cost."

### Of Many Things

The newly formed Minnesota Convention of American Baptist Churches, of which Joseph I. Chapman is executive secretary, was admitted to membership in the American Baptist Convention.

The convention voted that 1955-1958 be used by churches, institutions, and state conventions for necessary fund-raising, with the understanding that payments are to be completed by 1959, and that no convention-wide campaign for funds be undertaken before 1959.

Rosa O. Hall Award winners for 1954, for distinguished service in town and country churches, were H. Barton Van Vliet, of the First Baptist Church, Bristol, Vt., and Herbert T. Punchard, of the First Baptist Church, Troy, and of the East Troy Baptist Church, East Troy, Pa. Mr. Van Vliet had led his church to an increase of 50 per cent in both its current-expense and its missionary giving. Under Mr. Punchard's leadership the Troy church had increased its membership by 156. Its gifts for current expenses had risen from \$1,217 to \$5,000, and its gifts to missions from \$300 to \$800. Eighty-three members had been added to the East Troy church, its current-expense giving had jumped from \$298 to \$1,493, and its missionary giving from \$85 to \$640.

Awards for notable contributions to broadcasting were given to Stanley B. Hazzard, executive secretary of the New York Baptist City Society; Harold N. Geistweit, of Oakland, Calif.; and Charles H. Schmitz, of Syracuse, N. Y. George Cruthers, of the Columbia Broadcasting System, made the presentations in behalf of the radio-television committee of the convention.

Minister of music and fellowship was the one and only Elbert E. Gates, Jr., of Westfield, N. J., better known as "Pearly" to his host of friends. Soloist was Caroline Christensen, of Sweden.

Other parts of the program and other meetings were too numerous to mention. All were good; many excellent. Space limitation demands that we gather them all up in this summary statement.

Elected president of the convention for the ensuing year was Frank A. Nelson, of Racine, Wis.; first vice-president, M. W. Hill, of Olympia, Wash.; second vice-president, F. B. Thorn, of Wichita, Kans.; treasurer, H. J. Manson, of Brooklyn, N. Y. Names of the officers of the several societies, boards, and agencies will appear in our September issue.

Next year's convention will be held in Seattle, Wash., June 15-21.



## Among the Current Books

**THOU DIDST SAY UNTO ME.** By Gertrude V. Brox. *The Judson Press.* \$1.00.

This little book consists of pages from the devotional diary of a missionary to the Bengal-Orissa Mission in India, 1951-1954. Miss Brox died, following an operation, just at the time she was really beginning her missionary work. But during the time of her preparation, while she was in language school, she wrote down some of the conflicting spiritual experiences which were hers. She had gone into missionary work after teaching in public school, working in a state-convention office, and being a pastor's assistant. She toyed a little bit with the idea of writing a book, so that friends back home might understand more fully the needs of the people of India. In the meantime she wrote these meditations, hoping to add many more, and to fit each with a Scripture passage and prayer, so that they could be used for daily meditations. Death ended all this, and Ada P. Stearns, secretary of literature for the Woman's American Baptist Foreign Mission Society, gathered this devotional material together. The simple vignettes in the book are very lovely. The material is personal and devotional, including several poems and brief biographical accounts.

**A SERIOUS CALL TO A DEVOUT AND HOLY LIFE.** By William Law. Abridged by John W. Meister. *The Westminster Press.* \$2.50.

Kenneth Scott Latourette, eminent church historian and former professor at Yale University, was asked by students at Yale Divinity School to conduct a seminar in devotional literature. Despite his crowded schedule, a semester of Monday evenings was granted, at the close of which Dr. Latourette remarked: "All devotional works are valuable: Augustine, Saint Theresa, von Hugel, Woolman, and the saintly others. Yet the source, the continuance, and the goal of all inner spiritual reality is to be found in the New Testament. Read it!" However, if the New Testament be like a constitution, the devotional works of pious souls in the nineteen centuries of Christianity may be thought of as "by-laws." They do crystallize, definitize, and give demanding application, while at the same time they put the modern soul under unsparing scrutiny, and "stab our spirits broad awake." Merely to scan William Law's chapter head-

ings is to feel his probing challenge: "Requirements of the Privileged," "On the Times and Hours of Prayer," and "The Emptiness of a Life Not Governed by Devotion." Law's classic work has been edited and abridged for hurrying modern readers, who may thereby be granted a little more time for the exercise of the devotional life itself.

**MEDITATION AND PIETY IN THE FAR EAST** (A Religious-Psychological Study). By Karl Ludvig Reichelt. Translated from the Norwegian by Sverre Holth. *Harper & Brothers.* \$3.00.

This is a study of Yoga, Buddhism, Taoism, Confucianism, and Moism by a man who spent most of his life as a Norwegian Lutheran missionary in the Orient. The author gives a sympathetic picture of Eastern religions which avoids making all religions of equal value and at the same time finds a possibility of contact between Christianity and other faiths. He assumes that all religions have much in common. Gautama Buddha received his great illumination while sitting under a fig tree. It is no accident that the mystery cults had initiates sitting under a fig tree for the more advanced stages of their preparation. This detail seems to be reflected even in the Gospel according to John, where Jesus says that he saw Nathanael sitting under the fig tree (John 1:46-49). The intelligent Christian knows, of course, that there are real points of contact between the great religions, and the Johannine method of approach ought not to be by-passed. Since meditation is common in some degree to all Oriental religions, this study of their ways of piety is worthy of careful study.

**CHRISTIAN THEOLOGY: AN ECUMENICAL APPROACH.** By Walter Marshall Horton. *Harper & Brothers.* \$3.75.

This is an attempt to outline a universal Christian theology genuinely non-sectarian in derivation and ecumenical in outreach and appeal. The author, who is professor of theology at Oberlin, feels that there is a "common core" of agreement among Christians about most of the major doctrines of the Christian faith, though there are always people who will not agree to this thesis, and they represent unresolved issues which concern the particular belief involved. It is the contention of the author that the Chris-

tian faith involves seven basic beliefs: "The Knowledge of God," "The Nature of God," "The Relationship Between God and the World," "The Relationship Between God and Man," "Christ the Savior," "The Church and the Means of Grace," and "Christian Hope." In this book an attempt is made to answer the questions: (1) What is the basic ecumenical problem within each of these doctrines? (2) What is the universal Christian answer to it, so far as presently agreed to by the Christian churches? (3) What are the principal disagreements and conflicts that interfere with a clear Christian answer to this particular problem? The book is useful as a volume of systematic theology and a survey of contemporary theology. It deserves a wide and thoughtful reading.

**MAN'S KNOWLEDGE OF GOD.** By William J. Wolf. *Doubleday & Co.* \$2.95.

This book is the first in "The Christian Faith Series" prepared under the consulting editorship of Reinhold Niebuhr. The study is dynamic and provocative. Man's knowledge of God has been distorted by his attempting to interpret evidences of God's presence to mean what God is. God reveals himself in communion, through the Bible, historical events, devout people, and the person of Christ in the tradition of the church. A man knows God "as the Lord of Nature, Reason and Conscience" because he has met him first as the Lord of history . . . in the company of the believing community in which God continues to point men to Christ. The divine purpose of the church is to lead people into a fuller response to God's action in history, so that the individual becomes an instrument of God's sacrificial and reconciling love. In such communion God reveals himself to his followers. The Old Testament reveals God giving himself in communion through history, individuals, and worship. The New Testament reveals God making himself known to man through man's fellowship with Christ. The purpose of the Bible is to help man meet God. Therefore, the author dedicates a large section of his discussion to the biblical understanding of revelation and the importance of the church, as an organic part, in the revelation of God in Christ. Man can find God, know him, and learn his design for personal living. His grave problems, about God, are not intellectual, but his own stubborn self. By the grace of communion he will be led to know God—know him by a personal experience with him. Such is the argument of this thought-provoking book.

# Partners IN THE BAPTIST WORLD MISSION

## Seeing Our Missionaries on the Field

**H**OW I wish every member of our church at home could see this!" The speaker was one of twenty-four members of a mission-observation tour to American Baptist missions in the West Indies. Her job in the church back home is Christian education, including missionary education.

Men and women interested in missionary education and in the promotion of giving to missions are beginning to discover American Baptist mission fields. A group of twenty-five missionary leaders, headed by Ralph M. Johnson, director of promotion for the American Baptist Convention, and Mrs. Johnson, left San Francisco on May 31 to visit American Baptist foreign-mission fields. Their trip will be made in fifty-six days. They will go to Hawaii, Japan, the Philippines, Thailand, Burma, India, the Holy Land, Egypt, Rome, Paris, and London. In London they will attend the Golden Jubilee Congress of the Baptist World Alliance.

The West Indies visitors, headed by R. Dean Goodwin, director of communications of the Council on Missionary Cooperation, included Christian education leaders from Massachusetts and leaders in missionary promotion from New York state and Los Angeles, Calif. Each one returned to his home feeling that he had learned more in twelve days seeing missions at firsthand than he could ever have learned by reading about it.

"How can I tell the people back home?" they asked. They agreed that they could show pictures and tell what they had seen, but that the field must be visited if it is to be understood.

"What we saw today was worth the price we paid for the entire trip," one of the West Indies travelers said after a Sunday that began at 3:30 A.M. and ended after church service in the evening. The first five hours of the morning had been spent traveling over eighty miles of mountain to Hinche, Haiti, to join with 1,600 worshipers in a great church service and then to join their processional to the river where 275 converts were baptized by six ministers and missionaries. In the afternoon the return journey was made over the same rough roads. An evening service was at First Baptist Church, Port-au-Prince, where the pastor, Ruben Marc, apologized because only 1,200 people attended that rainy night! It was not an easy day, but it was worth all it cost.

### New Staff Appointments

Newton E. Woodbury, for the past two and one-half years director of missionary cooperation of the Massachusetts Baptist Convention and for seven years its director of town and country work, resigned, effective May 15, to become New England area representative of the Council on Missionary Cooperation.

Mr. Woodbury was born in Lowell, Mass. He is the son of a Baptist minister, Walter E. Woodbury, secretary of evangelism for The American Baptist Home Mission Society. He received his A.B. degree from the University of Redlands, Redlands, Calif., and B.D. degree from Andover Newton Theological School, Newton Centre, Mass. Mr. and Mrs. (the former Helen Skinner) Woodbury have three sons. They formerly served in churches in Worcester and Holden, Mass.

In his new position Mr. Woodbury will encourage and work with the directors of missionary cooperation in the six New England states and serve on special projects for C.M.C. as required.

At the meeting of the administrative committee of the Council on Missionary Cooperation on March 9, Mrs. Charlotte Hoffman Dabelstein was appointed staff assistant in the division of business and finance. She will be in charge of office services and purchasing. Mrs. Dabelstein has served the American Baptist Convention in various positions, and for the past twenty years has been secretary to the treasurer of the Council on Missionary Cooperation, Harold M. Greene. Mrs. Dabelstein was born in Antwerp, Belgium. She is a graduate of Fox Business School in New York city.

Lois J. Anderson was appointed assistant secretary of the department of radio and television of the Council on Missionary Cooperation, effective May 1. She is associated with Roy I. Madsen, who heads the department. Miss Anderson joined headquarters staff in the department of publicity and press relations of the council during the summer of 1953, as secretary to R. Dean Goodwin, who directs use of all communications media for the



Charlotte Hoffman Dabelstein



Newton E. Woodbury



Lois J. Anderson



American Baptist Convention. In January of the following year she moved on to the department of radio and television, serving also as the acting youth representative of the Council on Missionary Cooperation.

Miss Anderson's responsibilities will include directing the activities and correspondence of the "Broadcasters Fellowship" of the convention, special-events broadcasts, the Radio-TV Center of the American Baptist Assembly at Green Lake, Wis., station relations for the "Laymen's Hour," and some promotion of that program, as well as the development of promotional material for other projects of the department.

Miss Anderson was born in Evanston, Ill., of Swedish parentage. She is a graduate of the University of Virginia. About her work, she says: "To help unlock the closed doors of hearts and homes for Christ through radio and television is the greatest thrill and challenge of my life. This is home missions—and I would be about my Father's business!"

### A 50-50 Church

Ralph M. Johnson, general director of the Council on Missionary Cooperation of the American Baptist Convention, congratulates Pieter Smit, pastor of the First Baptist Church, St. Paul, Minn. According to Dr. Johnson, this is the only church in the convention, totally cooperative, that gave more to missions during the 1953-54 fiscal year than was spent on their current expenses. As more churches become aware of the need and opportunities of missionary giving, more and more across the convention are adopting 50-50 giving, as much for others as for themselves.



Ralph M. Johnson (right) congratulates Pieter Smit on 50-50 church

June, 1955

## Women over the Seas

WOMAN'S AMERICAN BAPTIST FOREIGN MISSION SOCIETY

### Sharing Visions in a City by the Sea

By CHARLOTTE S. TRUESDELL

**T**HIS MEMBER of the board of managers of the Woman's American Baptist Foreign Mission Society has just listened, learned, and marveled through two days of inspiration, information, and challenge for the future. The beauty of the days was enhanced by the setting in this city named for the broad Atlantic, which has borne many a missionary on his outward and homeward journeys.

Mrs. Stanley I. Stuber, president of the women of New Jersey, gave us a truly gracious welcome to the state, and the women had designed unique and useful souvenirs for the board members and missionaries.

Interviewing and appointing new missionaries is always an inspiring and moving occasion. Vivian R. Genre, of Greenville, Ill., was appointed to teach in Japan. Elizabeth H. Linder, a nurse from Drexel Hill, Pa., was designated to South India. D. Ruth Meinen, of Los Angeles, Calif., another nurse, will represent the Woman's Society in Assam. Edith C. Thompson, of Chanute, Kans., will become a short-term missionary in Japan. Dorothy Massie, an outstanding teacher in Deming, Wash., realizes a lifelong ambition in her appointment to educational work in the Philippines. The prayers of American Baptist women will follow these girls to the Orient.

On Sunday morning, W. F. Keucher brought a stirring message at the worship service of the women of the Home and Foreign Mission Societies and the National Council of American Baptist Women.

In the afternoon several missionaries seemed to walk out of the pages of *A Book of Remembrance* and stand before us. Two special guests from abroad were Anna Oommen, a graduate of Woman's Christian College, Madras, India, and for fifteen years on its teaching staff, and Waltrand Woyack, of Germany, now a Fulbright scholar studying at Georgetown College in Kentucky.

Irene A. Jones, home-base secretary, mentioned important trends in the denomination at present. She spoke of the high educational value in the World Fellowship Offering materials which provide background for the financial appeal. Due to in-

creased shipping charges and high customs duty, White Cross charges are rapidly becoming excessive.

Mrs. E. E. Gates, chairman of literature and publicity, appealed for wise and careful use of our helpful leaflets and booklets. Several times during the meetings there was reference to the new publications, *Thou Didst Say Unto Me*, by Gertrude V. Brox, and *Along Kingdom Highways* 1955.

Mrs. Paul Maul, chairman of the league of interpreters, spoke of the work of these women in helping raise the World Fellowship Offering and the Love Gift, and in encouraging young people to consider full-time Christian service. The largest audience in the history of the league was reached during the past year—123,994.

In the absence of Mrs. Merle H. Mason, who had prepared the memorial service, Mrs. Paul R. Gleason, foreign vice-president, directed our thoughts to gratitude for the life service of four missionaries and two board members who passed away during 1954-1955.

The three women's boards met together again for an afternoon service with the missionaries and friends from home and overseas fields. Three girls from Mather School inspired us with song and testimony. Miss Woyack told of personal experiences during the late war and gave evidence of a faith that stood the test. Vida Post, of Japan, urged Christians to replace their complacency with a sense of urgency. Aleese Williams spoke of the contribution of Mather graduates in many vocations. Lucy Bonney told how privileged she had been to see the Kachin churches of northern Burma grow from no members at all to the thousands in self-supporting churches today. Clara Olds, missionary to the Crow Indians, took us "From the War Path to the Jesus Road."

Mrs. Charles H. Sears, foreign secretary for the Far East, spoke especially of the thrilling contributions being made by Tokyo Woman's Christian College and Japan International Christian University. Hazel F. Shank, foreign secretary for Africa, India, and Burma, spoke enthusiastically of rapid advances among the women of





Edith Thompson, Ruth Meinen, Dorothy Massie, Elizabeth Linder, Vivian Genre, new missionaries receiving certificates from Mrs. F. C. Wigginton

the Belgian Congo. In Assam a "grass-roots college" is developing largely through the efforts and faith of the Christian people themselves. Woman's Christian College, Madras, India, a "gem of a college," was introduced by Miss Shank and presented at greater length by Miss Oommen.

The newly appointed missionaries appeared for their commissioning. Mrs. George H. Armacost, chairman of the candidate committee, led the opening worship. Mrs. Frank C. Wigginton, president of the society, presented the certificates with a fitting charge to each girl. Dr. Clara C. Leach, missionary to South China and South India, welcomed with wise words these newcomers to the missionary family. Vivian Genre gave the response on behalf of the five appointees.

After Annie E. Root, treasurer, had guided us safely through pages of imposing figures that had made possible the work under review, we turned again to further reports from the fields.

Miss Shank and Mrs. Sears characterized the work on their fields during the past year by a descriptive word or phrase. In Congo the word was "change." In India the word might be "isms"—Hinduism, colonialism, communism, nationalism, racism. There are many solutions of major problems to which India can turn with pride. In Bengal-Orissa the new evangelistic medical centers among the villages are already being established, with nurses and teachers on the staff. The increasing number of women entering seminary training in South India is noteworthy. In Burma, during the last seven years there has been a change from tension and insecurity to "forward planning."

In the Philippines was a "straight road ahead" as the year saw twenty-eight new churches established and 2,380 admitted into church membership. For Japan the trend is "back to normal." With integration of the two Foreign Mission Societies, the Wom-

an's Society will find itself working in Okinawa, a country not strange to American Baptists, but rather, like Thailand, a return to a field where work was carried on some years ago.

For Thailand the word would be "new beginnings," as on one ship enough new missionaries arrived to double the then existing staff. The word for Hong Kong is "thrilling," as the churches show signs of progress.

The last session of the board was a luncheon for the board family, past and present. Dr. Carrie E. Sprague, on her first furlough from the Belgian Congo, gave the invocation. The toastmistress was Mrs. Charles A. Marstaller, home-base vice-president, and the speakers were the three honorary presidents — Mrs. Howard Wayne Smith, Mrs. Leslie E. Swain, and Mrs. Leslie B. Arey.

In closing the program, Mrs. Wigginton turned to the words of Paul, "I thank my God upon every remembrance of you," and presented beautiful certificates bearing the name of each individual, the signatures of the president and of the recording secretary, and the gold seal of the society. The closing dedicatory hymn was "Where He Leads Me, I Will Follow."

## *Tidings from the Fields*

WOMAN'S AMERICAN BAPTIST HOME MISSION SOCIETY

### Step by Step at B.M.T.S.

By HELEN TATE D'ABOY

**O**NE STEP AT A TIME! How good God is to expect us to climb but one step at a time, but always to encourage and strengthen us with the upward look and the vision of dreams fulfilled!

One person at a time! Often God uses the individual, who, consecrated and filled with his power, can and does lift a whole company of those less envisioned, until altogether they find their fondest dreams surpassed by the miracle that God has wrought. Such have been the experiences of the Baptist Missionary Training School during the seventy-five years of its being.

Mrs. J. N. Crouse, the first president of the Woman's American Baptist Home Mission Society, believed that if there were to be "female home missionaries," there must be provision for their training. In May, 1881, she presented her thought to the organ-

ized Baptist missionary societies, then called the "May Meetings." Little did those who listened to her pleading realize that they were mounting the first steps toward a permanent contribution to Christian effort, whose ministry and blessing would reach even unto the uttermost parts of the earth. Her dignity, firmness, and most of all the esteem in which she was held by the leaders in the denomination, and the years of successful effort which lay behind her, secured a hearing for her dream.

A few caught the vision and \$3,500 was pledged, but not all paid, when, the following September, the first Baptist missionary training school opened its doors in a rented building at 2338 Michigan Ave., Chicago, Ill. This first school of its kind in the world was started by prayer, loving service, and sacrificial giving of missionary-minded Baptists. Every step

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Contemporary classroom scene at B.M.T.S. and (right) a group of alumnae and students, 1927, with two former presidents: Mrs. A. E. Reynolds (first row, third from right) and Alice W. S. Brimson (first row, second from right)

taken since has been due to these same sterling levers.

Twelve of the first sixteen students were missionaries recalled from their fields by the four-year-old Woman's American Baptist Home Mission Society, for four months of training. When the twelve returned to their fields, the other four graduates accompanied them as helpers.

From the first, Baptist Missionary Training School has offered efficient and scholarly courses. In the early days, all students attended all classes, held in the parlors or in the dining room. The first teachers were ministers and medical doctors who donated their time.

Nine years after its birth, the Baptist Missionary Training School moved into its first "bought" building at 2411 Indiana Ave.

From the beginning the Baptist Missionary Training School has tried to obtain students of high caliber. The catalogue of 1895 contains this succinct paragraph: "We suggest that each pastor in recommending a sister for membership in the Training School, ask himself this question, 'Is this person one whom, after a course of training, I would like to have assist me in my field?'"

That training was well rounded and thorough, we can judge from a booklet published in 1895, giving the curriculum and accompanied by this statement: "In the Training School, Theory and Practice go hand in hand. Students are tested by personal work in the house, in the classroom, in the field, as well as in recitations, and lectures. Also they are trained to realize how much more and better work can be done by having a time as well as a place for everything, and doing everything in its time, as well as keeping everything in its place." The course of study grew from a few months to two years, and the enrollment climbed to fifty-four.

Once again, praying, planning,

sacrificial giving, and hard work made possible the third step—the move to the second of the "new and bought" buildings. This one, at 2969 Vernon Ave., won for its architect the golden national award for the building best combining beauty with adaptability for its purpose. Before its dedication on June 1, 1909, all expense of buildings and grounds, a cost of more than \$200,000, was paid in full.

Onward and upward continued the climb! With this second new building came longer courses, more varied and definite curriculum, with higher entrance examinations—all of which raised the standard of scholarship. Bible and religious education still remained the major courses. Prayer continued to create the atmosphere of the school. In 1936, eyes and hearts brimmed to overflowing, for the Baptist Missionary Training School now provided a full-four-year college-level program, granting B.A. and B.R.E. degrees. This high step upward was far beyond the fondest dreams of those early builders.

From the beginning, "Be Mine to Serve" has been the purpose of the school. Students have always combined supervised practical field experience with their book studies. In the light of missionary education today, one marvels at the insight and advanced thinking of those early sainted pioneers who recognized the importance of learning by doing.

Each step upward reveals more fascinating facts. The third new building, and present home of the Baptist Missionary Training School, came as a result of persistent prayer and consistent effort following the report of a national study committee. After six months' deliberation, this committee recommended that the school move from 2969 Vernon Ave., into an area accessible to field work institutions, in a pleasant, but not restrictive, neighborhood. This seemed like an impossible project, but, step by step, God

opened the way, until 510 Wellington Ave. had a bronze plaque near its front door, announcing to the neighborhood that the Baptist Missionary Training School had moved in.

Today's student body numbers about eighty. The young women come from coast to coast, from foreign countries, and from several races. Students and faculty members find living, working, and worshiping in such a fellowship most enriching.

Over 1,400 students have gone through the "Doorway to Service," as Baptist Missionary Training School is often affectionately called. They take with them experiences of corporate and private worship, college work, intensive Bible study, field work in many and varied areas of need, democratic dormitory living, gospel teams, glee club, chapel choir, and happy memories of fun and fellowship. All of these, under consecrated trained faculty leadership, combine to send forth well-trained Christian workers so needed in this weary, confused, lost world. Said one friend, "I can always tell a Baptist Missionary Training School graduate. She knows where she's going, and why, and what to do when she arrives."

Much of living and of loving concern has gone into and out of the Baptist Missionary Training School. Great is the debt of the school to the Woman's American Baptist Home Mission Society and to the denomination it serves. The school is dependent upon its friends for prayer—for students—for support. The past, the present, and the future of the school are so interwoven that none of us can recite history or go forward without the other element of time. There are many steps yet ahead!

In the words of the beloved first preceptress: "The school has had a blessed and a prosperous history from its inception to the present time. 'Hitherto hath the Lord helped us and our trust is in Him.'"



## Special Reading Emphasis

It is so much easier to get a person who is interested in missions and who reads missionary books to read one more book. But to get a person who does no missionary reading to begin or to read one book constitutes the big challenge we face in our churches.

In order to stimulate reading on the part of a larger number of people, a goal of 50 per cent of the resident fellowship reading one of the following recommended books is suggested in the national missionary reading program. Every church is urged to adopt this project as a part of its missionary and stewardship education program. It should reach children and youth as well as adults. Select from this list:

*Strong Hearts for God.* By Dorothy O. Bucklin. Art work by W. Richard West. The story of the development of Baptist work among Indian Americans. Study, reading, and program enrichment. \$1.00.

*They Reach for Life.* By John E. Skoglund. For popular reading and review. Much material from Baptist fields. Cloth, \$2.50; paper, \$1.25.

*Doors Toward the Sunrise.* By Earle F. Dexter. Illustrated. Rebuilding broken-down mission welds friendship of Indians and non-Indian youth. Cloth, \$2.00; paper, \$1.25.

*Mission Unlimited.* By S. Franklin Mack. Photographs and story tell of new life through revolutionary faith. Cloth, \$2.00; paper, \$1.25.

*It's Worth Your Life.* By Erma P. Ferrari. Christian service and vocations. 50 cents.

*The Turquoise Horse.* By Eleanor Hull. Absorbing story of a Navaho boy and his family. Cloth, \$2.00; paper, \$1.25.

*World Upside Down.* Edited by Margaret Greene. Illustrated. Stories of real situations in Asia demonstrate the value of Christian fellowship. Cloth \$2.00; paper, \$1.25.

*Bright Pathways.* By Esma R. Booth. Ten true stories that show how the gospel of Jesus is carried to children in many countries. Cloth, \$2.00; paper, \$1.25.

*The Singing Secret.* By Elizabeth Allstrom. A "singing secret" helps one child and her family to hear about Jesus. Cloth, \$2.00; paper, \$1.25.

*Making New Friends: Among Indian Americans, Around the World.* Edited by Florence Stansbury. Stories by Baptist missionaries, service projects, and special interest missionary information. 75 cents.

*World Friends Spreading the Gospel.* Picture and text. \$1.00.

*World Friends at Work and Worship.* Picture and text. \$1.00.

## Program Building Helps

New leaflets to help the church committees in the task of building its program of missionary and stewardship education are the following:

"Missionary and Stewardship Education at a Glance" lists the committee, the over-all objectives for the church, and for each age group, children, youth, and adults.

"Planning and achievement chart"



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July .....	<i>2 Chronicles</i>
August .....	<i>James</i>
September .....	<i>Nehemiah</i>

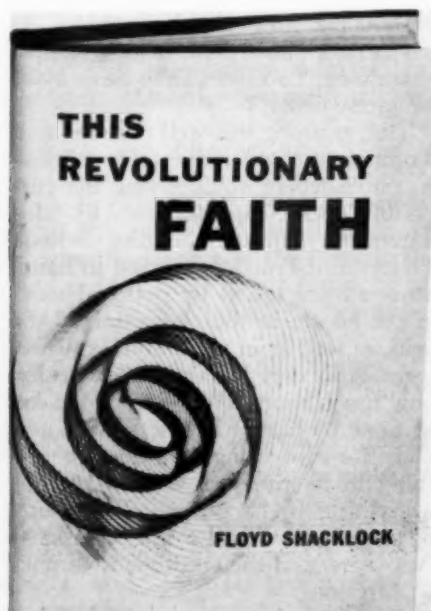
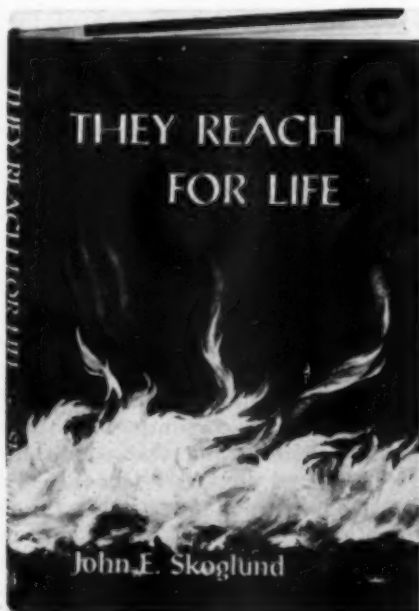
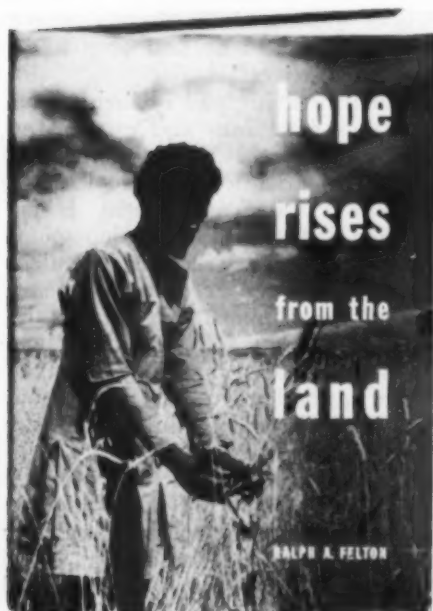
is a companion piece to the above leaflet. This will help the committee to plan a year's program and to keep a record of its achievement.

"Friends through Books" lists the books for study and for the national missionary reading program, and additional resources.

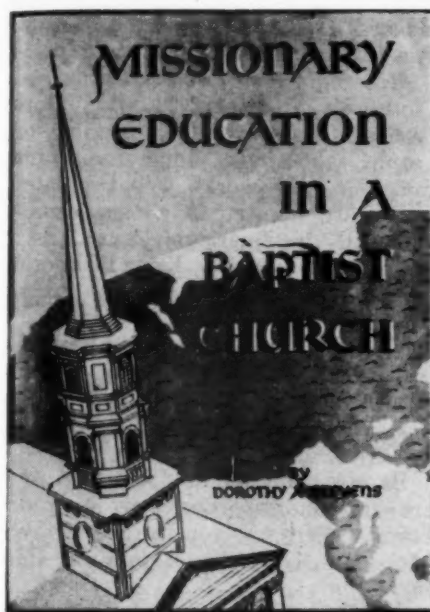
"The Graded Church School of Missions" gives guidance in the planning and organizing of a church school of missions and stewardship. It also lists the recommended study books for each age group.

"Men and World Outreach" makes suggestions for missionary activities and projects in which the men of the church may participate. It also lists important books in each of the six areas of interest in the men's fellowship.

"Christian World Outreach Goals" lists the study, reading, and project







goals for the B.Y.F. for this coming year.

"Children Share in the Missionary Program" outlines missionary education for children, and lists study and reading books as well as audio visual and other resources.

"Stewardship Education in a Baptist Church" shows how to integrate this emphasis in the Christian Education program, and lists the materials now in our Baptist curriculum as well as additional and elective units for study.

"Stewardship Education for Boys and Girls" gives principles and objectives, and lists the materials in which units are now devoted to this emphasis for children.

"The Bible Book-of-the-Month Bookmark" lists the recommended Bible books to be read each month. This bookmark sells at fifty cents a hundred in quantities of twenty or more, and may be purchased at your nearest American Baptist book store.

All the above leaflets are free (except the bookmarks) and may be secured from your state office if your responsible officers have not received them from your association chairman of missionary and stewardship education.

### A "Must" for Every Baptist Church

*Missionary Education in a Baptist Church.* By Dorothy A. Stevens. Cloth \$2.50; paper, \$1.50. Every committee on missionary and stewardship education should have it available for planning and for ideas to enrich this program.

Send for a copy at once from your nearest book store and start the fall program on a good foundation.

June, 1955

### New Bus for Kodiak

We have a wonderful forty-eight passenger bus. "It's green; it doesn't say 'Children's Home,' but 'Kodiak Baptist Mission.' The seats are red! The emergency door is in the back; when can we try it? What's the little blinking light for? It's pretty. Now we can get to church without our clothes being all mussed up. Wonder if we'll all fit? We do! I didn't think it would be so nice."

On and on went the various comments when the bus first reached us. Roger, aged fifteen, looked it over very carefully, and then wiped his forehead and said, "I hope Mr. Stone doesn't make me clean it; 'twould take me all day Saturday and then some."

We are all thankful for our bus. It works hard every day. It is a joy each time we go to town not to have to ride in a closed truck like cattle on their way to market.

### Our Friends in India

When the juniors were given their leaflets on "Children of India for Christ," they were immediately interested in learning more about their friends across the sea.

The Woman's Christian Association supplied them with many helpful books, maps, and pictures. And from the church library the book *Here's How and When*, by Armilda Keiser, aided them in many ways.

The juniors decided to make two dioramas, the general theme being

"Our Friends in India." One was named "Village Church in India" and the other "God's Children in India."

Other activities in the study included reading and telling stories; making booklets of Bible verses and prayers, which express the feeling of friendship; studying songs, games, and recipes; collecting pictures and Christmas cards, which were sent to India before Christmas; keeping a diary; writing and receiving letters.

To complete the unit the juniors are taking charge of a program for the missionary association. They think this is a splendid way to express the feeling of friendship, too.

From this unit the juniors have realized that Baptists are carrying on mission work in many countries. Also, it has helped each one to learn of God's love for all the people of the world, and his love for them.—NORMA KOZLOWSKI, Junior Class Teacher.

NOTE: Thank you for this good report.

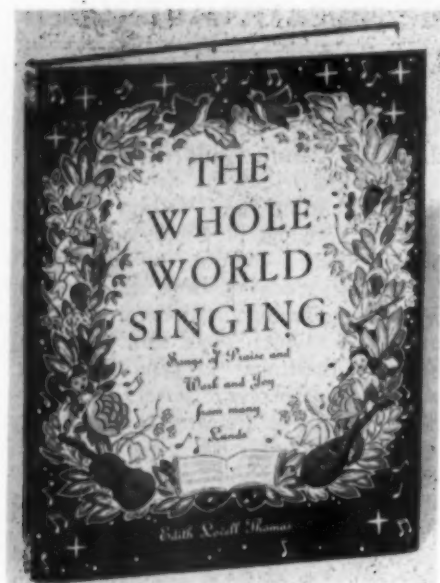
FLORENCE STANSBURY

### Teacher's Missionary Library

Every teacher in the kindergarten, primary, and junior departments of the Sunday church school needs to have access to the best in missionary information and inspiration as she teaches boys and girls. The following suggestions for the library are chosen to help the teacher who is earnestly trying to do a better job.



Norma Kazlowski (back row, left) and her Juniors after their study on India

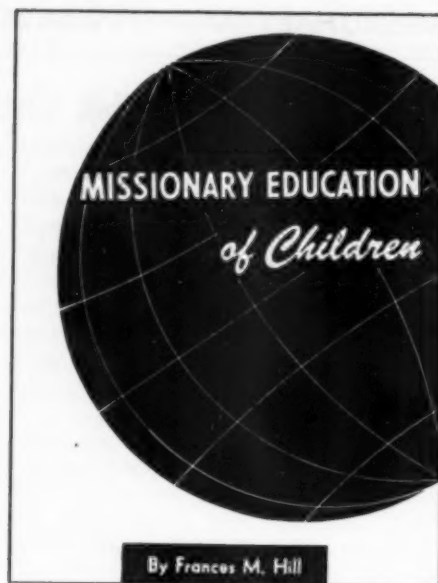


**Missionary Education of Children.** By Frances Hill. 75 cents. One of the important emphases in our program of Christian teaching is missions and the outreach of missionary endeavor around the world. The objectives of missionary education and the practical achievement of these goals, in reference to our Baptist program of missionary education, are carefully detailed in this easy-to-read book. You will want to read carefully, and perhaps more than once, Chapter III, for this shows how we Baptists integrate missions into the ongoing program of Christian teaching. This book will also make some suggestions of working with parents in this important phase of the church's program.

**The Whole World Is Singing.** By Edith L. Thomas. Cloth, \$2.75; paper, \$1.50. Children like to sing. Help them to understand boys and girls in other countries better by learning to sing some of the same folk songs, as well as prayer and praise hymns. The book is well indexed, so that if you are looking for a particular kind of song, or songs from a special country, they are easy to locate.

**Here's How and When.** By Armilda B. Keiser. Cloth, \$2.75; paper, \$1.50. Activities, their place in the study and how to develop them, remain a concern to many teachers. In this well-written book, Mrs. Keiser helps teachers to see not only the "how" of activities, but also the "why," the purpose they have in the total learning experience of the children. This book is well illustrated. You will want to try many of the ideas suggested in it.

**Children's Games from Many Lands.** By Nina Millen. Cloth, \$2.75; paper \$1.50. What fun it is for children to discover that the games they



play are not so different from the games in Africa, Latin America, Japan, and India! Try to teach several new games to your children during each mission study unit.

**Missionary Story Hour.** By Nina Millen. Cloth, \$2.75; paper, \$1.50. Looking for new and fresh story material? Here it is in a book just waiting for you to use it. This book is well

indexed. It is easy to find the story to fit a particular need.

**Missionary Hero Stories.** Compiled. Cloth, \$2.75; paper, \$1.50. Juniors especially like thrilling stories of people who have done important things in this world. What greater works are done than those accomplished by missionaries of Jesus Christ?

**Bright Pathways.** By Esma R. Booth. Junior reader. Cloth, \$2.00; paper, \$1.25.

**The Singing Secret.** By Elizabeth Allstrom. Primary reader. Cloth, \$2.00; paper, \$1.25.

**World Friends Spreading the Gospel.** A picture album. \$1.00.

Baptist materials that will help you are also an important part of your library. Perhaps you already have *MISSIONS, Crusader, A Book of Remembrance*.

As background for our foreign-mission study "Spreading the Gospel Today," have you read *Baptists Under the Cross* (75 cents) and *American Baptists Overseas* (\$1.00)?

A new book on American Baptist work among Indian Americans is *Strong Hearts for God*, by Dorothy O. Bucklin (75 cents). Be sure to read this before your study on Indian Americans.

## CHRISTIAN WORLD OUTREACH—*The B. Y. F.*

DEAR B.Y.F.'ERS:

In the brief report which follows, I have tried to recapture some of the thrill of a meeting which I wish all of you might have attended. Each year our two Foreign Mission Societies hold their March board meetings together in some large city other than New York, and invite people in the Baptist churches of that area to attend the three-day sessions. This year the meetings were held in the First Baptist Church, Kansas City, Mo., March 20-22. The commissioning service for missionaries took place the third night. It was one of the most impressive and moving hours I have ever experienced, and I have been in many such services.

As you read this, I hope you will ask yourselves whether God is asking you to follow in the footsteps of these who are ready to go. Is he saying to you, "Will you also go? Do you love me enough to give me your whole life and let me use you wherever you are needed, at home or abroad?"

The Woman's American Baptist Foreign Mission Society has need of at least fifty-five women missionaries *right now*. Will you be one of these?

The American Baptist Foreign Mission Society has need of couples *right now*. Will you please present this challenge to your B.Y.F. Are you ready to go yourself?

Sincerely yours,

*Isabelle M. Gates*

### 17 Missionaries Appointed

On March 22, in the First Baptist Church, Kansas City, Mo., seventeen young people were commissioned as foreign missionaries. Three of these will go as appointees of the Woman's American Baptist Foreign Mission Society and fourteen as missionaries of the American Baptist Foreign Mission Society. Of the total number, six will go to Burma, six to the Belgian Congo, one to South India, while four are as yet undesignated to any field.

W. W. Parkinson, candidate secretary of the two societies, presented the appointees to board members and visitors. They were warmly welcomed into the American Baptist missionary family by Ruth Thurmond, for seventeen years a missionary in South India.

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The charge and dedicatory prayer were given with feeling by Max W. Morgan, member of the board of managers, A.B.F.M.S.

In their own words the young missionaries-to-be briefly shared their convictions that God had called them to foreign service. Listen to them!

Gertrude P. Bloss, Flint, Mich., designated to Burma: "I go that I may share the love of Christ, and that they may have the happiness I know in him."

Dolores M. Logsdon, Stilwell, Ohio, also assigned to Burma: "I'm simply giving back to God what he has given to me and what belonged to him all the time."

Frank O. Anderson, San Diego, Calif., soon to receive his M.D., spoke for himself and his fiancée, Joan Rogers, also from Southern Calif.: "In medical missionary work we can most effectively lose ourselves in Christ's service. We believe this is the will of God for our lives."

Each of the others spoke in similar vein. They had felt God's call. They had answered. They were prepared to go, anywhere. They were happy in their appointment, deeply so.

Some day you will be reading the stories of what they are doing for Jesus Christ. Those not already mentioned are: Dr. and Mrs. John M. C. Bisset, Charleston, W. Va.; Rev. and Mrs. Orville R. Chapman; Berkeley, Calif.; Dr. and Mrs. Keith R. Dahlberg, Syracuse, N. Y.; Donald E. Deer and his fiancée, Barbara M. Sloat, Westfield, N. J.; Mr. and Mrs. Joseph Forcinelli, Long Beach, Calif.; Paul D. Eppinger, Sedalia, Mo.; and Frank E. Reynolds, Hartford, Conn.

They will sail soon. They need our prayers and our constant support. In reality they are Christ's ambassadors and ours.

### New Special-Interest Fields

The highlighting of a home and foreign special-interest mission field each year, as one of the world outreach projects of the B.Y.F., is proving to be a good device for increasing missionary interest.

Many requests were received for information about the 1954-1955 special fields: all thirty-nine American Baptist Christian centers and the Victoria Memorial Hospital, Hanumakonda, South India. Projects for Christian centers have been carried out by both guilds and fellowships. Many groups have visited Christian centers to see for themselves the kind of work our missionaries are doing. Other fellowships have secured slides of the work at Hanumakonda, letters from the missionaries in South India, and

learned much about our work there. For those interested in maintaining this contact, a recent letter from Lee Howard, our doctor at Hanumakonda, is available. Others desiring to continue Christian center projects may secure instructions from the national B.Y.F. office.

Two additional special-interest mission fields have been approved by the national council of the B.Y.F. for the new year. The basis of selection is that the field be within the mission study areas of the year. Themes for 1955-1956 are: "Indian Americans" and "The Christian Mission in a Revolutionary World." The B.Y.F. home field is the Murrow Indian Children's Home, Bacone, Okla.; the foreign field is Burma.

A new issue of the "B.Y.F. Spotlight" will be ready for distribution later in the summer. Information and projects concerning both fields will be given.

## Fellowship Guild

### Southern California Guild Breaks All Records

Southern California guild girls and counselors turned out en masse for their annual spring convention this year. Registration reached 1,160, with most of the guilds in the state represented. The convention met in the First Baptist Church, Long Beach. The church served three meals during the three-day meeting, with what seemed to be little effort and great pleasure. Seven hundred girls were housed in Baptist homes of the Harbor Association.

Back of all the planning was the capable and efficient state Fellowship Guild counselor, Mrs. Walter Graham. Working with the state guild officers, Mrs. Graham carried through the many details of this undertaking with the ease of an experienced executive.

Ruth Gunn, last year's state vice-chairman, presided with dignity. Ruth attended the 1954 national house party and was elected state chairman for 1955-1956.

Memorable events of the thrilling program included a stirring address by Mrs. Glenn Hill, one of our Bengal-Orissa missionaries; the impressive rose color and light "degree" ceremonies conducted by the state officers for all girls who had met the requirements; conferences to train guild officers and counselors; skits which publicized the guild camp and house party planned for July; an interesting business meeting; an exciting fashion show; a clever "bonnet banquet"; and

an unusual installation service conducted by the state director of youth work, John Harms.

During the Saturday evening consecration hour approximately thirty girls signified their desire to enter a church vocation. It was a great and holy joy to the national guild director to have the privilege of participating in that service.

Winfield Edson, pastor of the host church and last year's president of the A.B.C., closed the convention on Sunday morning with a sermon on the B.Y.F. theme for 1954-1955, "Go Forth with Christ."

### Colorado Guild Is Going Places

"Going Places with the Fellowship Guild" was the theme of the annual Fellowship Guild rally of Southern Association in Colorado. The meeting was thoughtfully planned by the association guild commission, and the association Fellowship Guild counselor, Marie Stoddard. Kay Lowry, of Canon City, chairman of the commission, presided with grace and poise. Total attendance was one hundred and fifty, with fifteen of the sixteen guilds in the association represented.

The program was varied and stimulating. Included were a devotional period, discussion groups, a skit on the Green Lake house party, a delightful "popcorn" report session, when girls and counselors were astounded at the range of guild accomplishments, a recognition service for two new guilds, and the installation of new association guild officers. At least thirty-five girls participated in some phase of the one-day program.

Mrs. Fred Christenson, of South India, brought vivid missionary presentations. Isabelle M. Gates gave the closing address and led in a fellowship prayer circle.

### Go Forth Through Service

For the first time in a number of years, Rocky Mountain Association, Colorado, also held a Fellowship Guild rally this spring. The program was planned by the association guild counselor, Mrs. Thomas L. Robbins, and the guild counselors at Calvary Baptist Church, Denver, Mrs. George MacDonald and Mrs. Monroe Snyder. Calvary was host to the group of 110 girls and counselors who attended.

A meaningful worship service, on the theme "Go Forth Through Service," was conducted by girls of the two chapters at Calvary. Sandra Waggoner was the leader. Following an address by the national guild director, the host group served a buffet supper.



## Seaside and Mountain Top

By MILDRED B. ADAIR

**C**AN ONE HAVE a mountain-top experience beside the sea? Speaking as one vast voice choir over four thousand strong, the women who were privileged to attend the fourth annual meeting of the National Council of American Baptist Women would answer yes. From the first moment of the beautiful opening prayer in the morning to the last moment of the solemn closing prayer of dedication, and the lovely choral benediction, it was a day full of inspiration, challenge, and worship.

High above our heads against the background of gold-colored curtains was the convention theme, "According to the Eternal Purpose," reminding us of the basic reason and the supreme test for all plans and programs.

The brief business session included reports from the secretary, the treasurer, and the constitution committee. In presenting the report of the nominating committee, the chairman expressed our great appreciation of the devoted and loyal service of the first president of the council, Mrs. Maurice B. Hodge, now retiring from office. Mrs. Howard Roach, of Plainfield, Iowa, was unanimously elected president for a two-year term.

The beautiful solo "I Wonder as I Wander," by Mrs. Dean Wright of New York city, provided the perfect setting for Margaret Applegarth's challenging address "Five Useless Days." Taken from a chapter in Dr. Applegarth's new book entitled *Moment by Moment*, soon to be released, the "five useless days" were emphasized—Christmas, Easter, Sunday, Mother's Day, and our own birthday. These were designed to be the most necessary days of our lives, said the author, but by misusing them, we "poor, ornery people" have rendered them useless.

She challenged us to re-design our lives, that every moment, every day, Christmas might mean purely peace and good will; Easter, a love affair to the end of the block, the end of the town, and over the seven seas; Sunday, a reminder of the life and death of Jesus; Mother's Day, a woman's day in which the quality of mercy and beauty inherited from our Lord might shine forth; our own birthdays, to this end we were born that we might bear witness of his truth.

The morning session closed with a

consecration service for the new officers, using the symbolism from the lines of a well-loved hymn "His name like sweet perfume shall rise, With every morning sacrifice."

The stirring music of the organ and trumpets; a clear voice announcing "This meeting is opened in the name of Jesus Christ"; a processional of vibrant Christian youth singing "Ask Ye What Great Thing I Know"—such was the exciting introduction of "The Vision Glorious," a dramatic presentation arranged by Dorothy A. Stevens, honoring the fortieth anniversary of the Fellowship Guild.

Surrounding us throughout the afternoon program was the beautiful music by the organist, Newell Robinson, a brass ensemble, and the combined choirs of the Eastern Baptist College and the Eastern Baptist Theological Seminary. Under the direction of Professor Joel Anderson, their musical interpretation made "The Vision Glorious" truly glorious.

In keeping with a quotation in the morning program from Emerson that "every man lives all of history in his own life," it seemed in two hours on the afternoon of Wednesday, May 18, that every woman present was living all the history of the Fellowship Guild

as the beautiful panorama unfolded.

We were there as the seed was planted at the first committee meeting, when a small group of women prayed for guidance in making the plans that would translate their dreams into reality. We watched the seed germinate and grow as girls from the early guild chapters went out as missionaries. We listened to the record of fruit-bearing, for by 1940 there were almost 40,000 members in guild chapters around the world, "giving time, money, and prayer."

We watched the changing scene as the World Wide Guild became the Fellowship Guild. We heard the new demand, God's call to women and girls today, and realized anew the challenge of the next forty years.

Suddenly history was over, and it was time for us to dedicate ourselves.

Reverently we sang as the workers of today ascended the center steps of the great stage—board members and officers of the National Council and of the national societies; state presidents; national Fellowship Guild officers and staff; state guild chairmen; missionaries, taking their places in the center of the group between the rows of flags of the countries in which we have mission work; and, finally, those who hold the promise of the future—the new appointees of the American Baptist Convention.

Fittingly, the national Love Gift offering for the year 1954-1955 by American Baptist women was announced—\$462,704.44. A part of our answer to the new demand.



Finale of "The Vision Glorious," celebrating 40th year of Fellowship Guild

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# The Woman's Society

## FOR MEETINGS OF CIRCLES AND SMALL SOCIETIES

### Introducing the Theme for 1955-1956

By CORA SAMPSON

LEADER: "Fruit of the Spirit." May I suggest that we pause here and for a moment ponder quietly upon this theme, letting it sink deep into our hearts and minds.

As we read Galatians 5:22-23 [reads] we are amazed at the many and varied pictures that flash before us, and we are very grateful to those who selected this theme. We realize we shall be able to explore many exciting new vistas this year through our programs.

My first thought takes me back home to Indiana, where, as a child, I spent many happy days playing under a huge grape arbor, where the fruit of the vine became real to me as I separated the clusters by families and the grapes by Bible names. A cluster of luscious grapes! Let us build a program on that thought.

[See suggestion No. 1 under "Notes to the Leader."]

LEADER: [Quotes John 4:24.]

VOICE No. 1: [Quotes Psalm 1:1-2.]

VOICE No. 2: [Quotes Psalm 1:3.]

[Soft music may accompany these quotations.]

HYMN: "For the Beauty of the Earth" [First stanza to be read in unison; second stanza used as a solo; third stanza read by leader; fourth stanza sung by group. After each stanza refrain is to be sung by group.]

VOICE No. 1: [Quotes John 15:5.]

VOICE No. 2: [Quotes John 15:8.]

LEADER: [Quotes John 4:35.]

[If flannelgraph is used make picture at this time quickly. If poster is used it may be placed on easel before program begins.]

VOICES No. 1 AND No. 2: [Respond in unison—John 4:36.]

[Nine women representing the graces listed in Galatians 5:22-23 come forward separately—or together, depending upon space—and stand at side until their turn to speak, then move to center near picture. They have been sitting with the group, but scattered in various places. If in costume, they should enter from rear. These women may be called the "Spirit of Love," "Joy," etc. In turn they will open a window to display the name they represent, speak briefly—two minutes each—of the "Love," "Joy," etc., that is evidenced by a

missionary whom they describe. As speakers conclude, they will remain at front to form later a "human" cluster of grapes as a finale. If space is small, return to seat. If flannelgraph is used, each woman may carry and place on board a single grape bearing the title she represents—thus forming a cluster. See alternative suggestion No. 2, under "Notes to the Leader."]

[As No. 9 concludes her message, Leader recites the poem, "Thou Art the Vine," by E. H. Divall.]

LEADER: "Thou Art the Vine"

And I, O Jesus, am a branch of thine;  
And day by day from thee  
New Life flows unto me.  
Naught have I of my own,  
But all my strength is drawn from  
thee alone.

As severed from the tree, the branch  
must die,  
So even I

Could never live this life of mine  
Apart from thee, O Living Vine,  
But thou dost dwell in me,  
And I in thee.

### Programs for 1955-1956

From September, 1955, through June, 1956, programs on this page in MISSIONS, entitled "The Woman's Society—Suggestions for Circle or Small Society Meeting," will have a theme in keeping with the general theme of the National Council of American Baptist Women. The writers of programs have been asked to use the idea of "fruit of our labors," and to include stories and incidents that will show change through the influence of the Christian message.

September—"The United Nations."

October—"Indian Americans."

November—"Refugees (A Christmas Program)."

December—"East Harlem Protestant Parish."

January—"Baptist World Alliance."

February—"Christian Missions in South India."

March—"Our Baptist Work in Europe (An Easter Program)."

April—"Alaska."

May—"A Baptist Travelogue."

June—"Baptist Missionary Training School."

Yea, thine own life through me doth  
flow,  
And in thyself I live and grow.

[Leader then signals for group to stand. They sing, unannounced, an appropriate, joyful hymn without use of hymn books.]

### Notes to the Leader

1. Perhaps there is someone in your society or circle who is adept in the art of flannelgraph. Ask her to be prepared to come before the group and depict a grapevine with the fruit. This is to be done at time designated in program. Or a poster, prepared in advance, portraying the cluster of grapes, may be used—nine of the grapes in the cluster to have "windows" (make it possible to turn back nine grapes, the grapes to be double thickness and the top layer having been cut partially around the circumference of the grapes). Printed in these "windows" the variety of graces as listed in the above-mentioned Scripture verses.

Place your visual-aid in front of the group at the center.

Leader stands at left front. Voice No. 1 stands at left rear. Voice No. 2 stands at right rear. Voices may be heard from another room if program is presented in a home.

2. Alternative suggestions: Nine women may portray certain missionaries in our home or foreign fields—or both fields. Place a pen sketch picture on the one whom they portray in the "window" of the cluster of grapes. This idea may also be used to fill a basket of assorted fruit with the pictures of our missionaries—not a crab apple among them. It would be very colorful if the nine women appear in native costume.

3. If the basket of fruit suggestion is used, the entire group may be divided, each smaller group to have the name of a missionary mentioned in program, and during the social period the game "Fruit Basket Upset" could be played. The group will learn to know our missionaries' names better and have a bushel of fun, too.

4. The cluster of grapes may also be used in a program to introduce our mission stations on the foreign field, our Christian centers at home, or to present the function of the National Council of American Baptist Women, as we are related one to the other, beginning with "A Missionary Spirit."

5. If you have difficulty in procuring nine women to take part you may use three, assigning to each person three of the "graces," missionaries' names, etc. However, since participation creates interest and concern, use as many members as possible.



## C. Stanton Gallup: Christian Layman

By R. DEAN GOODWIN

**M**ANY OPPORTUNITIES for Christian service go by the board because we do not lay hold of them." So said the man who is teaching American Baptist men to seize their opportunities. His name is C. Stanton Gallup, familiarly known as "Stan" to his many friends. First as executive vice-president, and now as president of the National Council of American Baptist Men, it is he who has been filling the gap left in the ranks of Baptist men when Edwin W. Parsons resigned as N.C.A.B.M. executive secretary.

"I'm encouraged with the way our Baptist men are taking hold of their work when we are without an executive secretary," Stan said, in response to a question about his own part in "taking hold" of the work.

Ten years ago Ed Parsons came to lead Baptist men when the national organization was small and there was little interest in men's work. He started with the men who were interested, and slowly the National Council of American Baptist Men took shape.

The council developed a threefold purpose that Stan believes will be the purpose for the next ten years: (1) to lead men into a vital relationship to God, through personal faith and commitment to Jesus Christ as Savior and Lord, (2) to encourage the enlistment of men in effective Christian service in church and community, and (3) to advance and support the wider work and program of the American Baptist Convention and its cooperating agencies.

Men "trained to fit all needs of the church" will be enlisted in the next ten years. Stan foresees the development of large numbers of men to serve as deacons, trustees, ushers, or to do any other work that needs to be done in our churches.

Stan's own interest in the work of men began in 1949. "Because I was one of the few men at the meeting of the Connecticut Baptist Convention, I was elected president of the men's fellowship," he said. "I had been reared in the old school, where I was taught to keep my mouth shut and keep out of trouble. I couldn't speak in public, and here I was elected to lead the men of the state!"

Mr. and Mrs. Gallup had "taken God into partnership" in their lumber

business back in 1941. So Stan applied the same kind of consecration to his new assignment with the Connecticut men. To overcome his inability to speak in public, he went to Providence, R. I., and enrolled in a public-speaking course which met two nights a week. At the conclusion of the course he took first prize as a public speaker, and his talk was on the Bible.

His first work with the men was to organize the first retreat for Baptist men in Connecticut. Theodore Clausen, president of the board of managers of The American Baptist Home Mission Society, a layman from Trumansburg, N. Y., spoke at that retreat and gave a quotation from William Carey that stuck in Stan's mind. It was a challenge to conduct his business for a living, but to work for God with his life. "I had been successful in business; I now determined to do my work for God," Stan said.

Going home from the retreat, Stan thought: "If God can make me a success in the lumber business, he can give me what I need for his work." Reaching his home, he went into a personal "retreat" for three days, reading his Bible and praying that he might discover what God wanted him to do. He came out of that experience with a conviction that he should continue in the lumber business and work for God as a layman.

That work has taken him all over the United States, often in the little

airplane that he pilots. During the past winter he spent a month in California, meeting with the Baptist men of that area. This, he said, was his vacation!

One week when he was "at home" illustrates how much he works for God. On Sunday he presided at the council meeting in his own church, First Baptist, Danielson, Conn. Tuesday he showed missionary pictures that he had made in the West Indies to the Baptist church in Waterford. Wednesday night he went to Worcester, Mass., for a Rotary meeting. Thursday he was in New York city, conferring at American Baptist Convention headquarters on the work of the laymen. Friday he attended the church business meeting in his home church. Saturday he went to Torrington, Conn., to give a devotional talk to the laymen at a Palm Sunday breakfast.

Mrs. Gallup and the four children "like to see me once in a while," Stan reported. But they are happy that he is doing laymen's work. Mrs. Gallup and Stan were born and grew up in the same town, Sterling, Conn. In their high-school years they met for the first time, in church. Their children were born in the same town. The oldest son, Richard, is in the Army. Joyce is in her third year at Keuka College, preparing for a career as a nurse. Carolyn is in high school, and Ronald, at the age of ten, is in grammar school. Ronald hopes that his daddy will be at home long enough to build a barn, so that he can have a horse.

Mrs. Gallup has the best explanation for the wholehearted way in which Stan goes about the work of the National Council of American Baptist Men: "Stan is never half-way about anything."



Dean Goodwin (left) interviews C. Stanton Gallup at Baptist Headquarters



## Mather School Marks 88 Years of Service

### *End of Segregation Will Present New Challenge*

By ELEANOR I. ANDERSON

THE SUPREME COURT decision declaring segregation in the public schools unconstitutional, handed down on May 17, 1954, marked a crisis in many Southern states, especially South Carolina. In many instances the feverish haste to equalize school opportunities was halted or slackened. Resentment against "Northern interference in Southern problems," which had been dormant, flared again. Fear took possession. Caucasians and Negroes alike feared violence. Many Negroes, inadequately trained, feared competition. Caucasians, too, feared competition as the educated Negro demonstrated his ability to equal or excel.

In this setting Mather School, Beaufort, S. C., on April 16 observed the eighty-eighth anniversary of its founding. Established in 1867 to provide a high-school education for Negro girls in a Christian environment, Mather has always been ahead of local progress. Its courses of study, equipment, qualified staff, selected student body, and Christian examples of brotherhood have set high standards of attainment. Today new challenges confront the school. Until recently the mission schools trained the teachers and professional people who became the educational and spiritual leaders of their communities. Now the state schools of the South are better equipped, more highly advertised, more popular because of the secular pursuits offered, and more financially sound because they are tax-supported, than are the mission schools. Growing secularism presents an increased need for Christian schools and teachers.

A new ruling affirms that any public school admitting by court order a child who has not been assigned to that school board shall not receive state aid. New attempts are being made to make the segregated schools appear superior to non-segregated ones and equal in opportunity. As the public schools of South Carolina are improved, fewer children will be sent to boarding school unless they are mal-adjusted or incorrigible, or unless the boarding school has something unusual to offer. This situation calls for an enlarged publicity program, which

requires an increased budget and additional personnel. The leaders of Mather School have intensified the continuous self-study they are making that the school may be ready to move ahead in these days of crisis.

Many avenues of service were utilized during the past year at Mather. Most notable was the founding of the Junior College, which began with nine students and grew during the year to an enrollment of fourteen. A significant occasion was the organization of a Parent-Teachers' Association. The seniors were entertained at the Naval Hospital, with a luncheon served to them for the first time in the nurses' quarters. A waitress-training program was conducted in cooperation with the Business and Professional Women's Club of Beaufort and the Beaufort County Health Association. Twenty-eight girls took the examination and received certificates. The choir sang at the Penn Community Center, the Grace and New Zion churches, and the Naval Hospital. Mather Day in

Beaufort was well supported by the townspeople and carried to a successful climax by the chairman, Joseph Wright.

Illness, leaves of absence, and resignations necessitated changes in personnel during the past school year. Fannie Goodgame, on leave of absence, is teaching at the Barranquitas Academy, Puerto Rico. Mrs. Jistine Phillips joined the staff as librarian. Lora Patten, former missionary to Japan, joined the staff on February 9. R. E. Snethen resigned as of April 1. Four teachers and the principal attended college summer sessions. Gertrude Royster attended the Institute for Independent Schools at New Haven, Conn. The principal attended the First Quadrennial Convocation of Christian Colleges at Granville, Ohio.

Looking to the future, Mather School faces the problem of increased costs and decreased income. This past year the Sales House provided one-third of the needed revenue. Clothing is needed more than ever, but the drought and heat of the past summer and the freezing temperatures of the winter made it extremely difficult for the people to pay, even though they are charged according to need and ability to pay. There is a great need for more churches to include Mather in their Institutional Budgets.



Mather girls enjoying the beauty of the campus, with all its inspiration

## Lovely Orchids Bloom For a Siamese Bride

**Dr. and Mrs. Edwin A. Bell On  
Tour of Thailand Mission  
Field Attend Wedding**

By EVELYN B. BELL

From Hong Kong we winged our way over Indo-China to Thailand, meaning "Land of Free People." It is about the size of Spain and is called the rice bowl of the Orient. Bangkok is its picturesque and intriguing capital. I looked down as we neared the mainland and had the illusion of seeing the city under water. Later, I learned that the present-day Bangkok stands on land that even fifteen hundred years ago was entirely beneath the water of the gulf. The land is still rising at such a rate that in another fifteen hundred years Bangkok will be a distant inland city.

### A Siamese Bride

Mr. and Mrs. Carl M. Capen, our missionaries, met our plane and rushed us home to get ready to attend a Thai wedding at four o'clock. They had secured invitations for us also, through the Truxtons, another missionary couple living in Bangkok for a year's language study. They are tenants of the bride's mother.

This wedding, a lovely affair and quite elaborate, was held in the spacious home of the bride's parents. We joined the long line of guests, who passed by the wedding altar of banked flowers, behind which the bride and groom knelt. They wore crowns of flowers upon their heads which were joined together by a silken cord. They held their hands in the attitude of prayer. A Buddhist priest standing near them handed each visitor a lovely sea-shell filled with perfume water. For two hours the guests passed by, pouring this water over the fingers of the bride and groom as we murmured our felicitations and good wishes. The exquisitely beautiful bride had been educated in Boston.

The extensive grounds were enclosed by bamboo fences, supporting gorgeous lavender orchids in full bloom. In fact, the bride told us that she had chosen this season for her marriage because the orchids would be in bloom. We were invited to visit the new home. It looked so perfect to me that I thought I was back home going through a "model home" at a big exhibition. Only the kitchen was very different, but even it had chromium sinks and a big electric refrigerator. There were three tiled bath-

rooms in pastel shades, with all the usual United States fixtures.

### The Wedding Feast

As night came on, electric lights strung in all the trees began to glitter like stars. They were in many colors, reminding us of Christmastime. There were lights in the pools also, under each water-lily pad. Presently huge trucks drove in, bringing the caterers in uniform. They carried all the food for a complete course dinner, which they placed on large tables, bedecked with massive golden baskets filled with tropical fruits and flowers of rare beauty. About nine o'clock, our party decided that we should leave. Saying our farewells to the father, who stood at the gate, we got away, still somewhat in a daze from all this exotic atmosphere and the fairyland scene of a Thai wedding.

### The Floating Markets

The next morning we took a boat trip to the floating markets on the canals and the river. Mr. Capen, our host, had come down with dengue fever, and so Mrs. Lawton, a Southern Baptist missionary, kindly invited us to join her party. We rented a boat and spent several hours going along the crowded canals, where hundreds of vendors were selling their wares right at the doorsteps of their customers. The canals were lined with open hut-houses, in which so many of the teeming population of this picturesque city live. I noticed bright red Singer sewing machines in some of the homes, shining aluminum pots and pans, and at least one pressure cooker. The most optimistic man in Thailand, I thought, was the one I chanced to see using a flit gun on the walls of his wide open house!

The boats of the merchants were lined with many kinds of strange fruits, vegetables, fish, flowers, etc. Sometimes we passed boats filled with school children, all very neatly dressed, with book satchels on their knees, on their way to school. There were many yellow-robed Buddhist priests, monks with bowls and bags going about on their daily begging tour. They have to beg everything they eat, but never thank the donors. People are supposed to gain merit by giving. All young men are required to serve three months in the priesthood, but afterwards they may choose any vocation they wish.

### Temple of the Dawn

As our boat emerged in the mouth of the river Nam Chao Phraya—"Mother of Waters Most Noble"—the city offered a vista of fascinating

views. We pulled up our boat to a pier and went ashore to visit the Temple of the Dawn, with its needle-shaped towers. At a distance they resembled stone pinnacles inlaid with beautiful jewels. When one gets a close-up view of the temple, it is found to be of brick and plaster, covered with fantastic patterns made of broken crockery taken years ago from British ships in the harbor. If a dish, or cup, or saucer was found unbroken, it was plastered on in one piece amid the broken bits. The total effect was quite impressive. Although we did not get to view it by moonlight or in the setting sun, we were told that at those times it gleams like a fairy castle.

Ending our excursion by water, we went to the government offices to secure permission and tickets to visit the Palace. Part of the palace is still occupied by the family of the late king. We roamed over the grounds and visited some of the palatial halls and the throne room so richly furnished. Then we went to the Temple of the Emerald Buddha, which adjoins the Palace. Part of the Palace is still high on a throne, was a large jasper figure of Buddha, sitting under a golden canopy. It has three complete changes of clothing of golden jewels—one for the rainy season, one for the hot, and one for the cold season.

### Friends and Missionaries

While in Bangkok, we had the great pleasure of seeing our good friends the Clyde Clark family, who had recently arrived at the Embassy, coming from Mr. Clark's last post as consul in Zurich. We also had some good visits with George and Allison Wilson. He is the pastor of the International church there. Louise Capen took us to a prayer meeting at the University Christian Center and to an evening service at the Chinese church. Earlier that day we had visited their kindergarten and school on the same compound. Some of the older students attended the church service that night. The Capens work with the large colony of Swatow Chinese, many of whom are refugees in Bangkok. The other phase of the work in this country is in the hill regions, bordering on Burma, inhabited by thousands of Karens, who are, of course, closely identified with the Karens of Burma.

The three missionary families who were in Thailand at the time of our visit—the Capens, the Truxtons, the Van Benschotens—have since been joined by three additional families and three single missionaries. We shall watch with prayerful interest the development of this new work.

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## Mission in Thailand Formally Organized

**Mission Adopts a Constitution, Elects Officers, and Plans Work for Entire Staff**

By ANDREW T. YOUSKO

The spacious headquarters of the American Bible Society provided accommodations for the first annual meeting of the American Baptist Mission in Thailand, December 29-31, 1954.

The primary purpose of the meeting was for organizing the mission. For five years, Alfred and Ruth Van Benschoten had been working alone among the Karens in the North, and for two years Carl and Louise Capen had worked among the Swatow-speaking Chinese in Bangkok. Addison and Ouida Truxton, transferred from Assam in April, 1954, were also in Bangkok, engaged in language study. And now, with the coming of three new missionary couples—Mr. and Mrs. James E. Conklin, Mr. and Mrs. William W. Cadwallader, Jr., and Mr. and Mrs. Andrew T. Yousko—it seemed advisable to organize the mission in a formal way.

At the opening devotional service, Carl Capen welcomed the new missionaries and expressed the desire that a harmonious and fruitful fellowship might be established. Earnest prayers were offered for God's guidance and blessing in the initial steps of organization. Carl was appointed chairman until the election of officers. Out of his rich experience and mature insights he gave able leadership to the conference. Ruth Cadwallader served as recording secretary.

### Forming a Constitution

In drawing up a constitution, it was felt that the organization should be

kept as simple as possible, to allow for natural growth as needs arise and permit greater flexibility of operation. One of Carl's suggestions that all heartily approved of was a provision that all missionaries have equal voting privileges. He expressed the view that often new workers have had rich and varied experience and should not be made to feel that they are "juniors" who should be seen but not heard.

The first article, on aims, followed the 1950 statement by the mission secretaries and officers. It met with unanimous approval, after others had been considered unsatisfactory. Those aims are as follows: "(a) to lead all men to accept Jesus Christ as Savior and Lord; (b) to aid new Christians in the establishment of churches which shall become self-governing, self-supporting, and self-propagating; (c) to cooperate in such other Kingdom enterprises as shall most effectively bring to a needy world the full blessings of our gospel, which we believe is for the whole of man and for all of life."

### Reports from the Field

Carl presented a report of the Chinese work in Bangkok, which dates back to 1835, when a Baptist church, the first Protestant church in Southeast Asia, was organized by missionaries from Burma. That same church today is a strong, independent, indigenous group, with a school and a mission chapel in Thon Buri, just across the river from Bangkok. A fine young Bible school graduate, Timothy Wu, will soon be supported by the church as preacher in this chapel. Unfortunately, the church is now without a pastor, since the recent resignation of Pastor Lim, who will be devoting full time to evangelistic work.

Alfred Van Benschoten gave a report of the Karen work in northeast Thailand. From his headquarters in

Chiengmai, he has gone into remote Karen villages by jeep or elephant, but mostly by foot. There is a definite need for training of leadership in these churches, as well as for literacy work among the membership. The Bible School at Papun, just across the Burma border, has several students from Thailand. Van has helped this school secure some books in English and has been instrumental in distributing Bibles, Gospel portions, and hymn books among the Karen Christians. There is also a need for medical work among these Karens. Van suggested that a doctor who could establish a mobile clinic would be of immense help. Since these people are almost totally dependent on agriculture, help in this area is needed also.

We were shocked to learn of the death of Thra Thinker, Van's colporter, and his companion, on a recent trip to Chiengmai. The group set out on foot from Chiengmai, but a sudden illness kept Van from accompanying them. He had planned to fly later to join them, but just before he was to leave, Joshua, a Karen student, returned with a shattered arm and told how the group had been attacked by bandits. He had barely escaped with his life, while Thra Thinker and his companion had been murdered while camping on the trail one night. Our group took an offering for the families of these men, who had given their lives in Christ's work, and sent a letter of sympathy with Van.

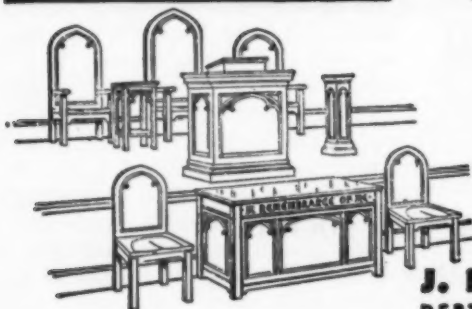
### Election of Officers

The following officers were elected by the newly formed organization: Addison S. Truxton, chairman; William W. Cadwallader, Jr., vice-chairman; Carl M. Capen, secretary and treasurer. Louise Giffin and Andrew T. Yousko were elected to the executive committee, with James E. Conklin and Ruth Cadwallader serving as alternates.

Plans were discussed for the future of the mission. As soon as the Truxtons complete their language study, they hope to establish a station at Ma-O-Gla, west of Chiengmai. From this village it is hoped to reach out deeper into Karen territory. At present even a jeep cannot reach the village, and a road is needed. When the other missionaries complete language study, two couples will join Van and Add in the Karen work, while the other couple and Louise Giffin will remain in Bangkok for work among the Swatow-speaking Chinese. Plans are being made to establish a Christian center in Bangkok to reach many of the unevangelized Chinese not being reached by the church.

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## Visitor Notes Changes In Expanding I. C. U.

**Cites New Buildings and More  
Students as Evidence That  
University Is Growing**

By MRS. CHARLES H. SEARS

I visited the International Christian University near Tokyo twice on my recent trip to Japan, and found many changes in the brief period of twenty months since I had been there previously. For one thing, many more students were enrolled than at the time of the previous visit, and the place had begun to take on the aspect of a real university. I had the privilege of meeting a number of students, and without exception they seemed to be of high caliber.

The chief change one notes in approaching the campus is the number of new buildings that have been put up in the past two years. The church is beautifully planned and most attractive, inside as well as outside. When the tower is finished, it will make an imposing structure. The location was particularly well chosen, being visible from a long distance away as one enters the campus.

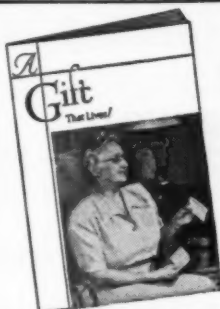
The two dormitories had just been completed, one for boys and one for girls, and were occupied for the first time following the Christmas vacation. Beautifully designed and very attractive, they are a great addition to the campus.

The dining hall had also been completed and used for the first time after the Christmas vacation. Our group was the first to be entertained at luncheon in the new building, which has one of the most beautiful and well-appointed dining rooms that I saw anywhere in Japan. The students are served wholesome food at a very reasonable price, and the place was being used to capacity. The residence for single women teachers was under construction.

I noted especially that the main building is still being kept unusually clean and attractive. This, I know, had been the determined hope of President Hachiro Yuasa and Harold W. Hackett, vice-president for financial affairs.

The main improvement in that building is the library on the second floor. A large section had been turned over for this purpose, and all books are available on open shelves, which is a new departure for Japan. The sunny room and the quiet atmosphere make it an attractive and delightful place for reading and study.

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## Kansas Church Grows And Creates 'Problem'

**Problem Not of Poor Attendance,  
But Where to Put People  
Who Attend Already!**

By **JAMES I. MACIAS**

A lot can happen in two and a half years. In March, 1952, I arrived in Wichita, Kans. to become pastor of the First Mexican Baptist Church. I found the church attendance discouragingly low. Even the weather was depressing—cold and wet. There was a lot of work to be done in Wichita!

### New English Service

As English was spoken more and more by the young people, the church became convinced that English-speaking church-school classes were not enough. An English worship service for youth was needed. The program was arranged so that while the adults were having their church-school class the young people and the children met in the sanctuary for worship. Following this the young people and the children met for church school, and the adults held their Spanish-speaking worship service.

### Big Dividends

The new arrangement paid big dividends. Giving increased to such an extent that during the first six months of 1953 the receipts were larger than the total for the entire twelve months of the previous year. By December, 1952, church school attendance had increased 50 per cent, and more young people were being reached than ever before. Entire families were won for Christ and the church, some by baptism, some by letter. It was a joy to see people accepting Christ as Savior.

Not long ago an elderly woman, a life-long Roman Catholic, was baptized into our church. Failing to find in her former religion the true meaning of faith which she had long been seeking, she began attending the services of our church, furtively at first, then openly. The inner peace, joy, and satisfaction which she found marked the end of her restless quest and ultimately culminated in her baptism.

### Missionary Enterprise

Growth within our church fellowship has caused our congregation to become conscious of missionary responsibility. The majority of the Spanish churches of Kansas are mis-

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sion churches. The nearest is located at Hutchinson, 120 miles distant. For the past two years our congregation has visited the Hutchinson mission once a month to conduct a service. The young people lead the devotional service and provide special music, and I bring the message.

In addition to rendering a worthwhile service to our neighbor church, we as a church have received great blessing from the enterprise. It has taught us the lesson of stewardship of time and abilities. We have experienced the joy of sharing with our neighbors some of the good things which we have received through individual Christian experience and in our church fellowship.

### A Welcome 'Problem'

We no longer face the problem of poor attendance. Our services continue to grow in numbers. Our No. 1 current problem is where to put the people. The walls are bursting at the seams! When the church was built, extra space was provided in the sanctuary to allow for expansion. We have purchased new pews to fill the extra space. Still seating facilities and classroom accommodations are inadequate. If the present trend continues, it appears that our next big problem will be the need for a new sanctuary. If this may be classified as a "problem," it is one which we will confront with pleasure! Yes, a lot can happen in two and a half years!

### Broderick Car Club

A new attraction for "hot-rodders" at the Broderick Christian Center, Broderick, Calif., is a car club. Teenagers bring their own cars, or the family car, and learn minor repairs and driving safety methods. Louis Mitchell, director, organized the car club to retain the youth who began to drift away from center activities when they became car owners. As a community agency, the center participates in the East Yolo County Fund and Food Bank, which provides food baskets and clothing for needy families. The families repay, either with cash or with services. This arrangement encourages self-reliance and self-respect. A new building to house the center is under construction. Labor and materials have been contributed by volunteer workers of the community. Director Mitchell is also pastor of the Community Baptist Church of Broderick. The Broderick Christian Center is operated under the auspices of The American Baptist Home Mission Society and the Northern California Baptist State Convention.

## Poston Indians Are Receptive to Gospel

### Small Boy Starts Chain Reaction in Church and Community—Sets Pace for Elders

By LOLITA J. STICKLER

Sometimes a small incident has far reaching influence. Such was the case when a small boy's desire to receive a gift at Christmas started a chain reaction within his own family.

A year ago an Indian boy in Poston, Ariz., was told that the Poston Community Church gave gifts to children at Christmas. With a child's natural desire to receive a gift on Christmas Day, Bobby began attending church. After Christmas, having received his White Cross gift, he continued to come. A few months later he accepted the greatest gift we could offer him, the gift of eternal life through Jesus Christ.

### 'Sister-in-Law Will Come'

One day Bobby came to say, "My sister-in-law will come to church if you will stop by for her. She doesn't have any transportation and she has two little children."

I called for Mary Alice and she began attending church. One day Elsie Polacca, a deaconess in our church, and I called on her. Elsie, who speaks Hopi, Navajo, and English, interpreted for me. That day Mary Alice accepted Christ as her Savior. The following Sunday she came to church and made a public declaration of her decision to follow Christ.

After this I went to her home regularly to give her instruction for baptism and church membership. On the second visit her husband was at home and listened to our conversation. When I concluded the session, I discovered that he, too, was ready to make his decision. Later, the two of them together followed their Lord in baptism.

### 'Mother Would Come'

In December, Bobby came to my home to visit. He said, "My mother would come to church, but she can't understand English." I urged him to invite his mother to come and assured him that we would have an interpreter for her. As he went his way, I silently thanked God for the influence of one small boy in his concern that his family might know the joy and happiness he had found in Christ.

Little children often remind us of duty. One evening I hurriedly en-

tered a home on an errand. As I turned toward the door to leave, five-year-old Allan called after me. "Miss Stickler," he asked, "aren't you going to pray for us before you go?" Humbly I turned to comply with his request, ashamed that I had thought myself too busy for the important things.

### Following 'Jesus Way'

Last spring I had the privilege of helping a young Navajo woman to know the way of salvation and accept Christ. Several months after she was baptized she asked me to come to her home. Her husband was interested in following the "Jesus Way." He asked me to explain some things he did not quite understand. I wish you could have gone with me to see the joy in that household when the father made his decision to follow Christ. The Christian experience of this young couple will mean a great deal as they rear their family of five children.

Some of our young people attended camp last summer. As a result, their B. Y. F. programs have new impetus and sparkle, and attendance and interest have increased considerably.

Once I had to be away, and one of the women took my group of juniors for their prayer session. When I returned, she said, "Every adult in our church should have the opportunity of hearing those children pray. Their faith put me to shame. That meeting was a real blessing to me."

Her words lingered in my mind as I recalled the juniors, the young people, five-year-old Allan, the young couple in their newly Christian home, energetic Bobby and his family. All these are a real blessing to me, too!

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### Died

Mrs. David Crockett Graham (nee Alicia May Morey), missionary to West China for thirty-eight years; in Englewood, Colo., March 23, 1955. Mrs. Graham, with her husband, who survives her, engaged in evangelistic and educational work while in China. Having a real gift in water colors, she illustrated a number of her husband's publications.

### Honored

Twenty-five-year pins and buttons were awarded recently as follows: Mrs. Joseph Taylor, West China (1906-1937); Rev. and Mrs. Howard Dudley, Burma (1902-1936); Dr. and Mrs. Albert M. Boggs, South India (1908-1953); Janet Byron, Boston Baptist Bethel, Boston, Mass. Herbert T. Punchard, Troy, Pa., and H. Barton Van Vliet, Bristol, Vt., granted the Rosa O. Hall Certificate for Distinguished Service in Town and Country Churches.

### Transferred

Elsie Petteys, from Brooks House, Hammond, Ind., to become Christian-center director, Cordova, Alaska; Emma Enoch, from Baptist Mission, Ouzinkie, Alaska, to Heath Christian Center, Boston, Mass.

### Furloughed

Muriel Turner, from Kodiak, Alaska; Marcia Cudworth, from Colegio Bautista, Managua, Nicaragua; Rev. and Mrs. J. E. Cedarholm, from Santa Ana, El Salvador.

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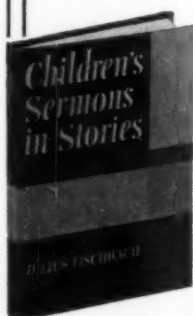
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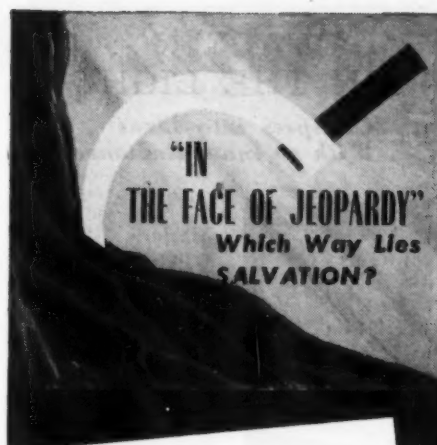
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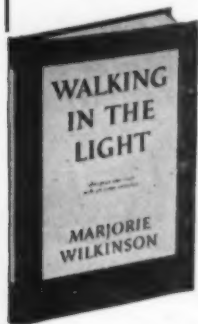
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With this issue there are a great many of the regular subscriptions which expire also. Two renewal notices have been sent to these persons, and it is hoped that by prompt attention to this matter the renewals will be forthcoming in the near future.

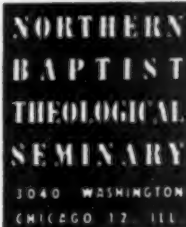
We often receive requests for lists of subscribers from individual churches. However, with our present system it is difficult to send complete lists of subscribers by churches, unless we have the order numbers for each order received during the past year.

If the subscriber has received four renewal notices and has not renewed, we have been sending the lists of expirations to the club managers, month by month, when there were three or more from one church. This new system will help identify those who have not renewed.

We have been gratified at the increasing number of churches which are sending **MISSIONS** to every family in the congregation. In this way the membership has a much better idea about the work of our denomination.

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June is usually the month for house parties, conventions, and conferences. Sample copies of **MISSIONS**, subscription blanks, shopping bags, and other promotional items are available for a display booth or exhibit table. Please see that an appeal for subscriptions is made at every Baptist gathering this summer.



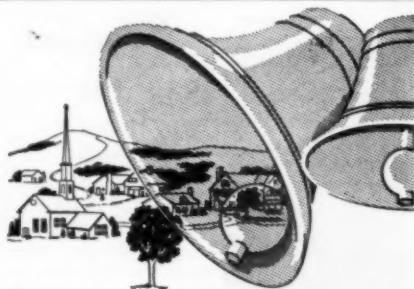
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